

# NASA Trace Gas Products for Air Quality Applications

Part 1: NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>

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## Outline for Week 5 Presentation – Part 1

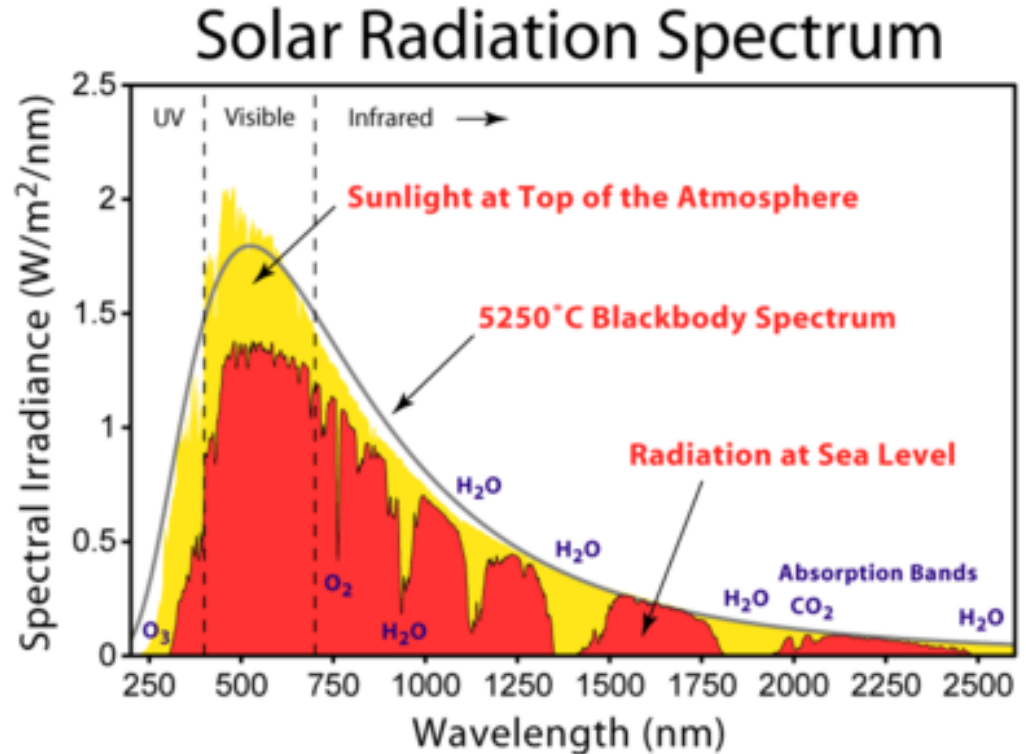
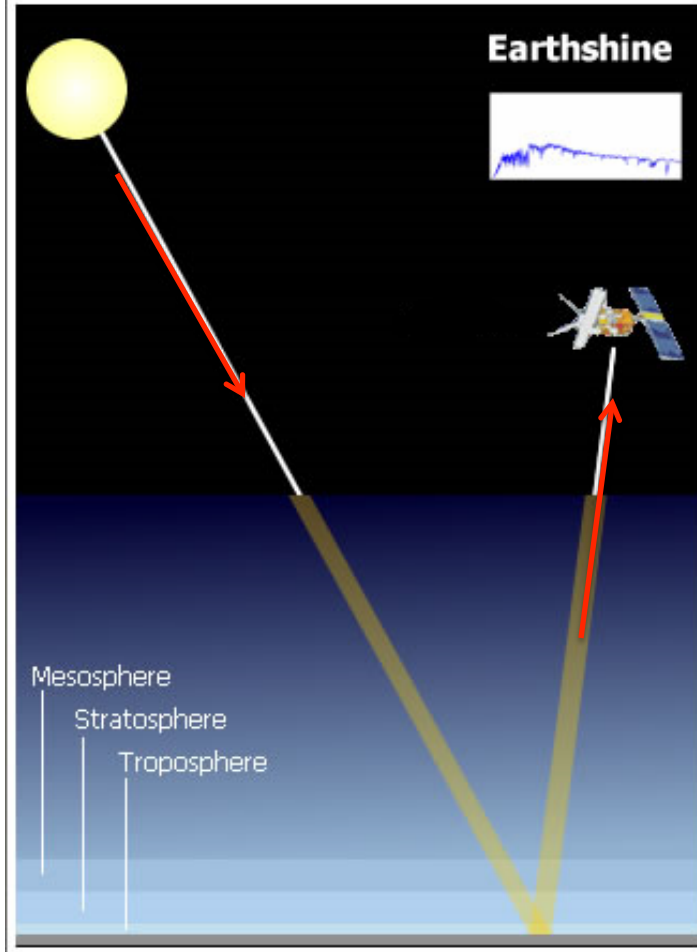
1. Background information on trace gas detection and products.
2. A tour of Aura trace gas products and some applications: What is available/applicable for AQ studies?

### **OMI – Ozone Monitoring Instrument**

- Tropospheric Column NO<sub>2</sub> [molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>]
- PBL, Volcanic SO<sub>2</sub> [Dobson Units – DU]

Part 2 will cover CO from AIRS and MOPITT – pollution and trace gas fire product

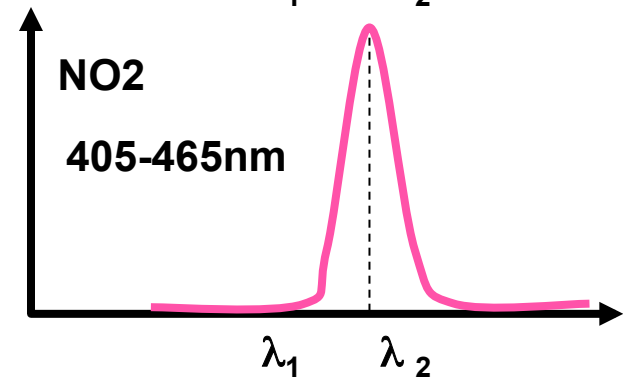
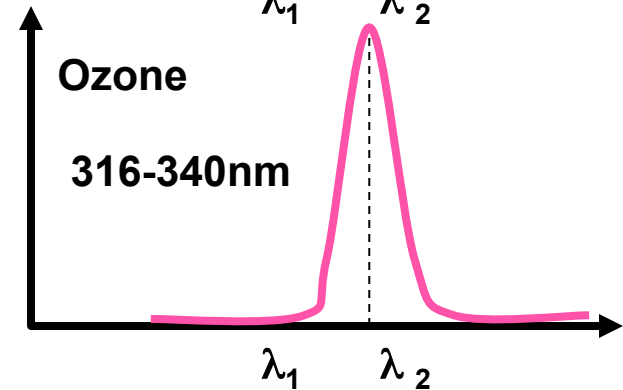
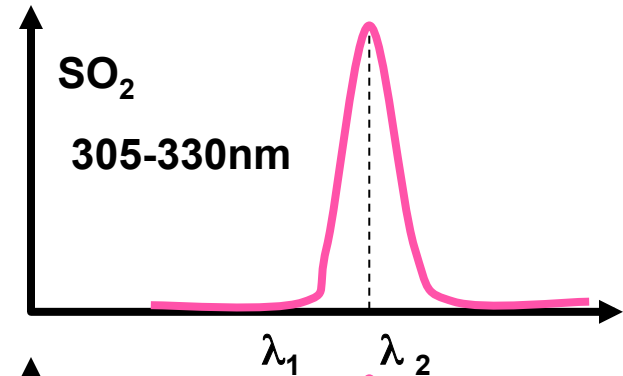
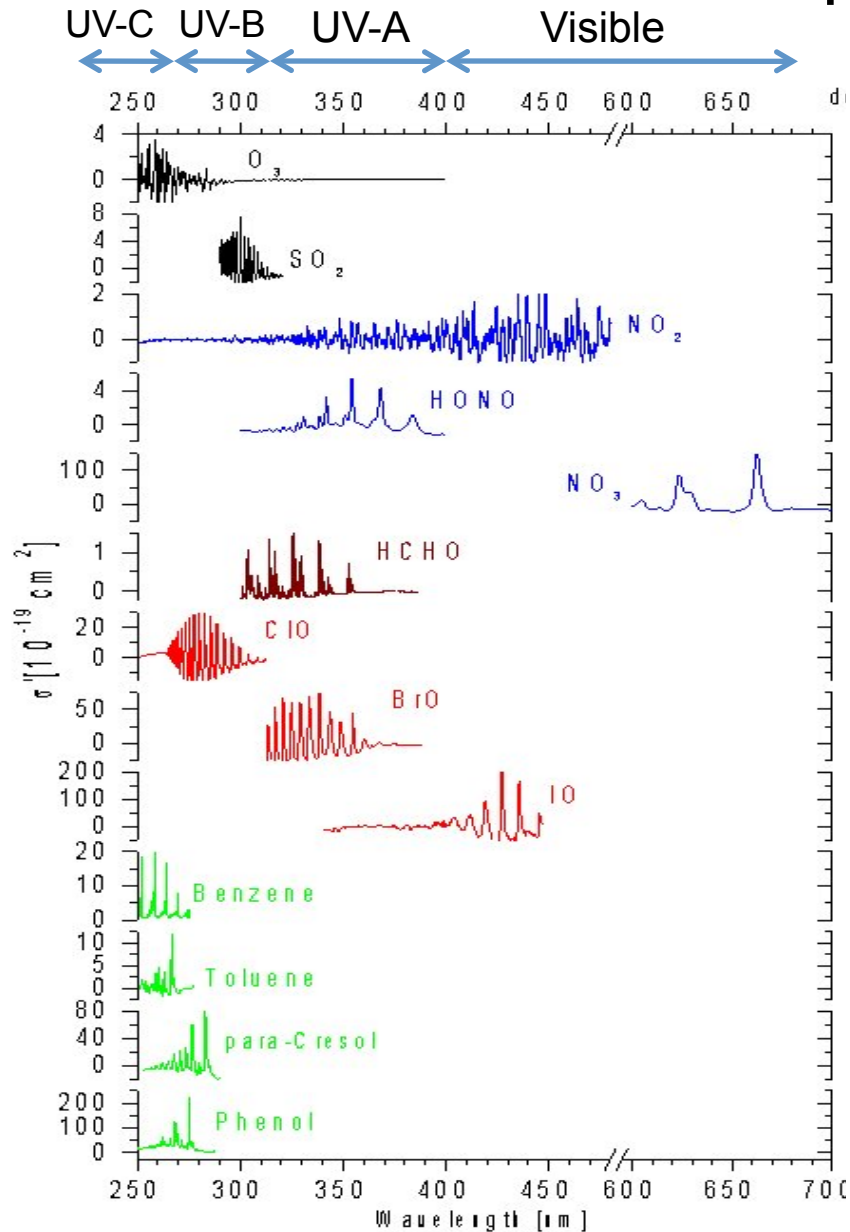
# How Satellites Measure Trace Gases



**Unlike remote sensing of aerosols that use the signature of aerosol scattering, remote sensing of trace gases uses the signature of gas absorption.**

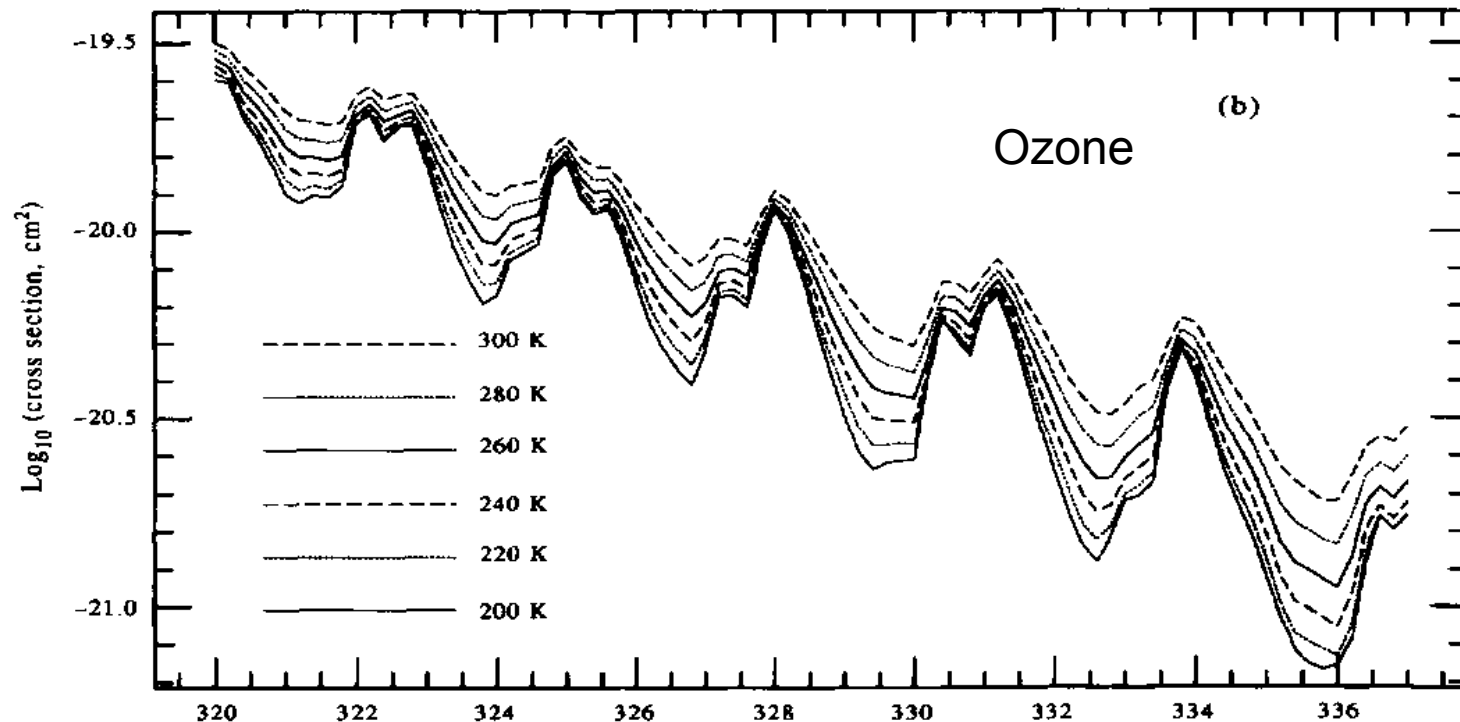
All satellite remote sensing measurements of the troposphere are based on the use of electromagnetic radiation and its interaction with constituents in the atmosphere.

# Satellite measurements take advantage of distinct absorption spectra



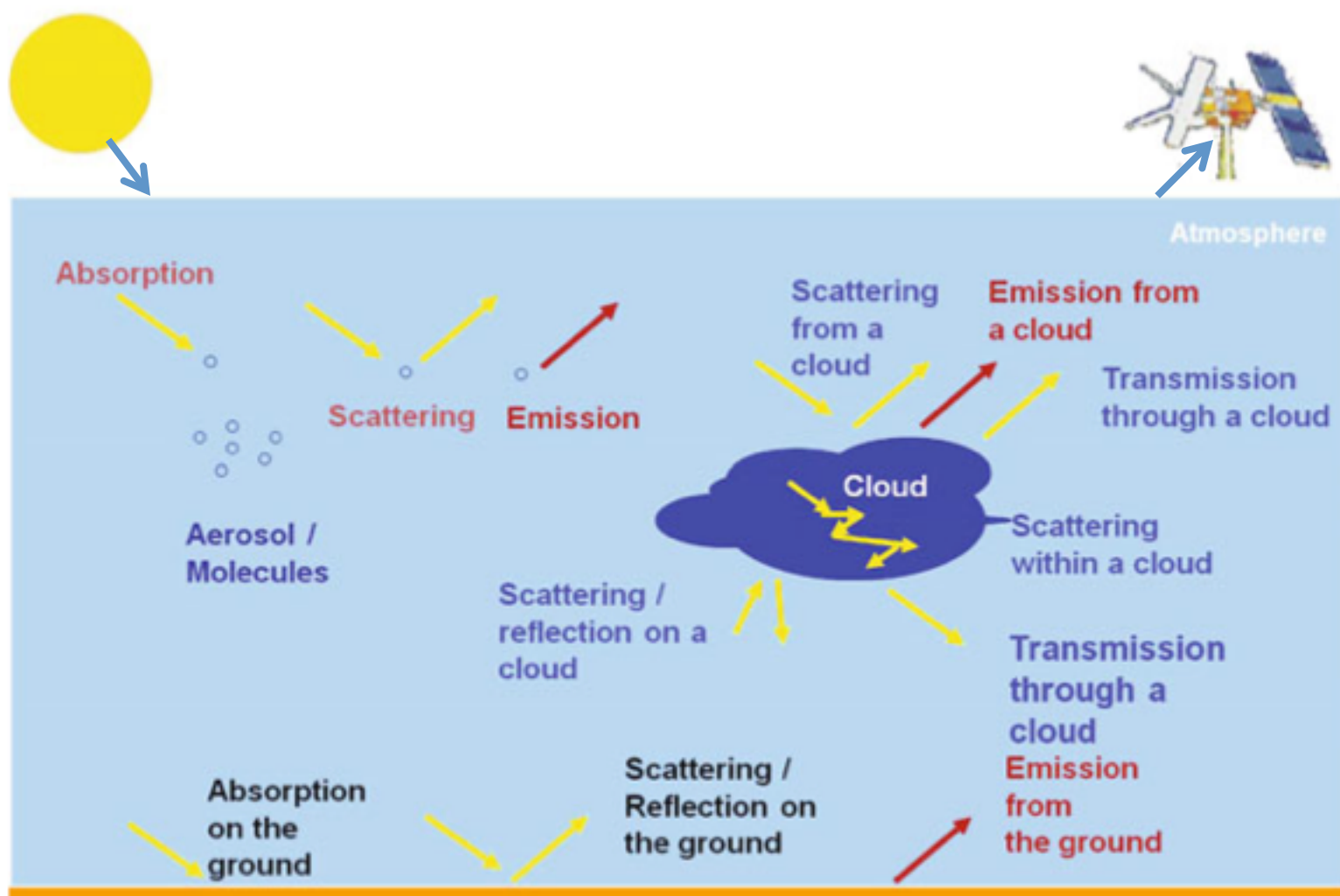


The characteristics of absorption spectra of trace gases will also depend on pressure/temperature or altitude.



The sensitivity to different levels in the troposphere also needs to be taken into account.

The next slide shows the different processes in radiative transfer through the atmosphere.



Schematic of the most important processes affecting the radiative transport through the atmosphere.

Depending on the wavelength range of absorption for a particular trace gas, the sensitivity to different layers in the troposphere varies and needs to be taken into account when interpreting the results.

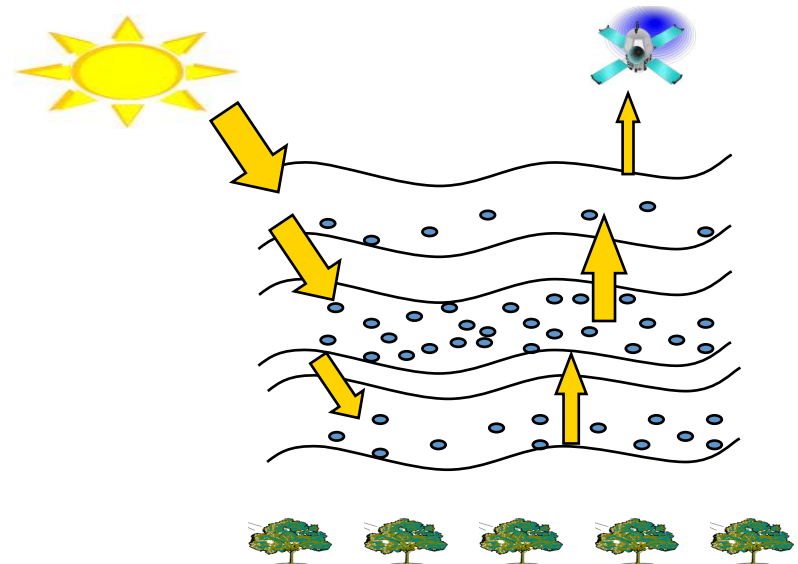
# Something to consider for satellite observations

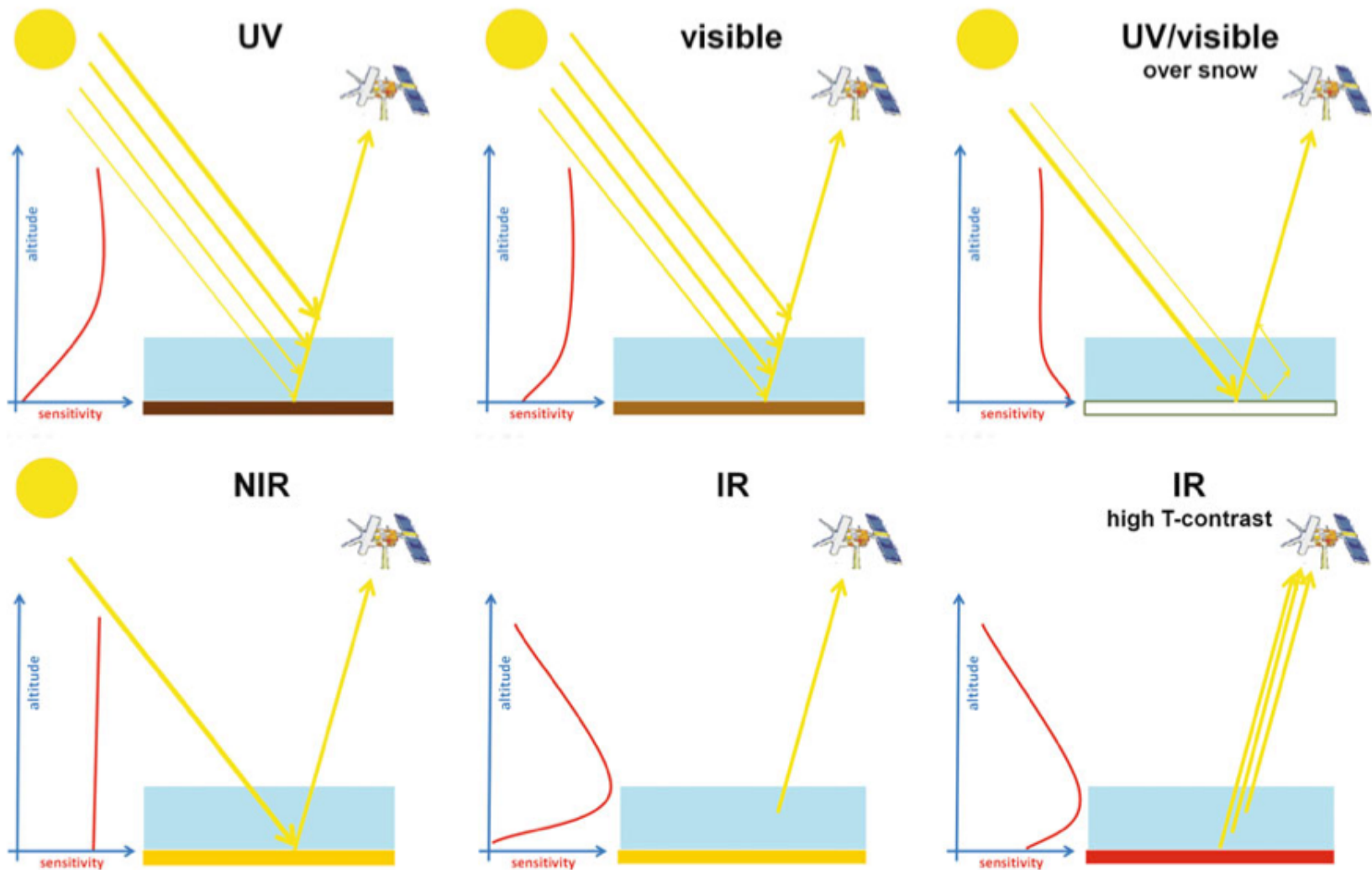
## Vertical Resolution

In the UV and visible part of the spectrum ( $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_2$  relevant), the measurements contain very little information on the vertical distribution of the species, usually providing just one piece of information (the tropospheric column amount).

Observations at different wavelengths (technique of combining UV, visible, and IR measurements) contains some vertical information

i.e. the penetration depth of photons increases towards longer wavelengths, and for volcanic plumes of  $\text{SO}_2$ , this has already been exploited.



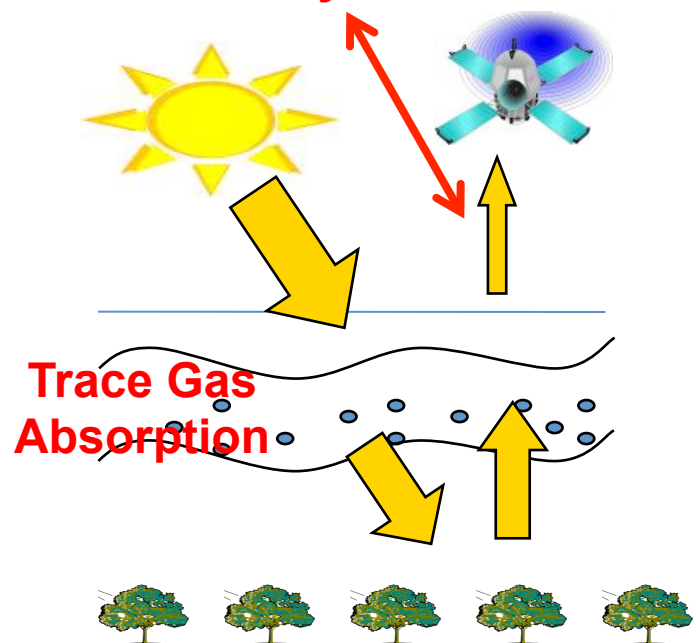


Sketch of measurement geometry and vertical sensitivity for satellite observations of the troposphere in different wavelength ranges.

# To summarize ...

1. Satellites detect backscattered solar radiation and/or emitted thermal radiation
2. We know the distinct absorption spectra of each trace gases.
3. By knowing how and by what amount different molecules absorb radiation at different wavelengths, we can identify a "fingerprint" for each atmospheric constituent.
4. Based on the radiation measured by the instrument, retrieval algorithms are used to infer physical measurements (such as number density, partial pressure, column amount) of the different gases.

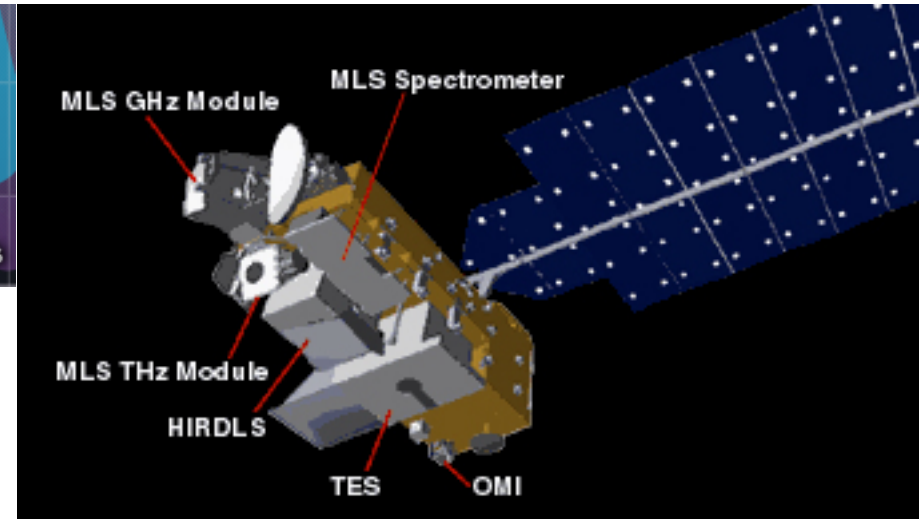
**Scattered/emitted radiation  
detected by satellite**



# AQ Measurements from Space: What is available?



<http://aura.gsfc.nasa.gov>



## OMI – Ozone Monitoring Instrument

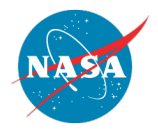
- Tropospheric Column  $\text{NO}_2$  [molecules/ $\text{cm}^3$ ]
- PBL, Volcanic  $\text{SO}_2$  [Dobson Units - DU]

## ~~TES – Tropospheric Emission Spectrometer~~

- ~~- Vertical profiles of Ozone and CO~~

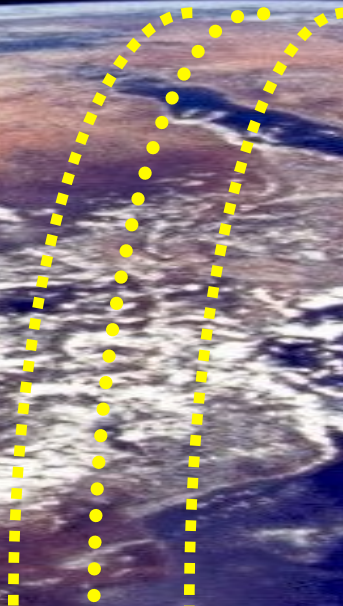
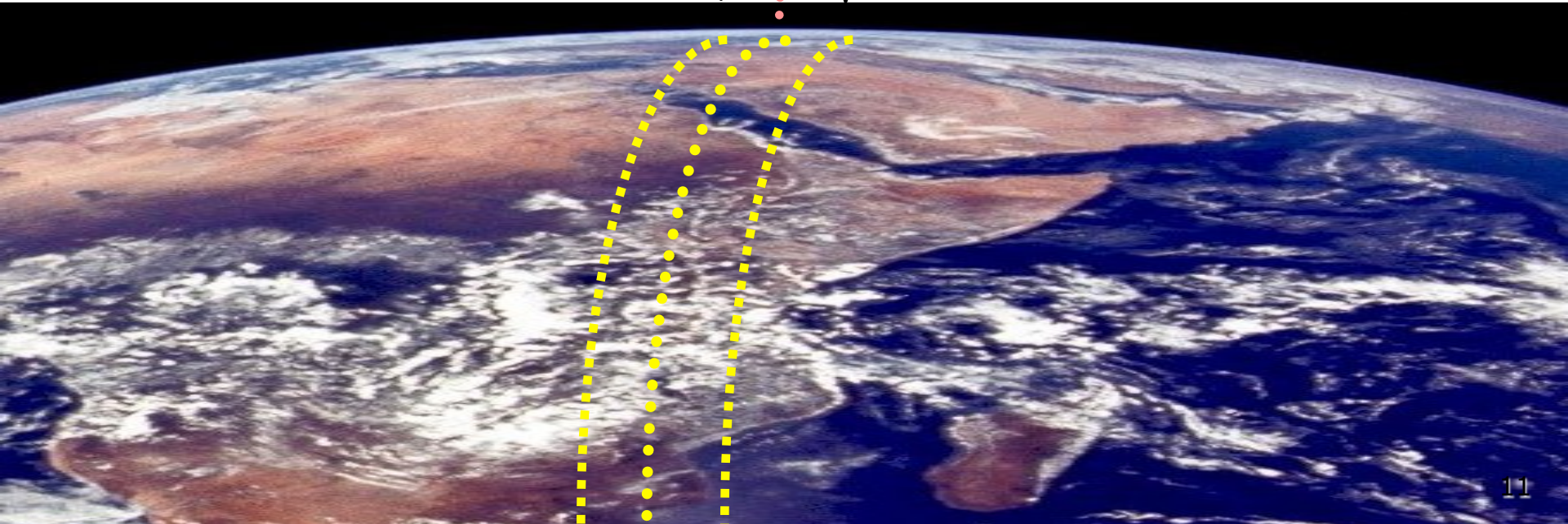
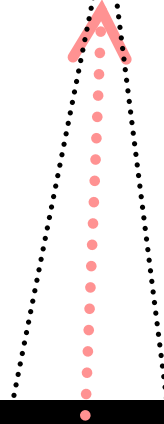
TES is no longer taking global measurements.





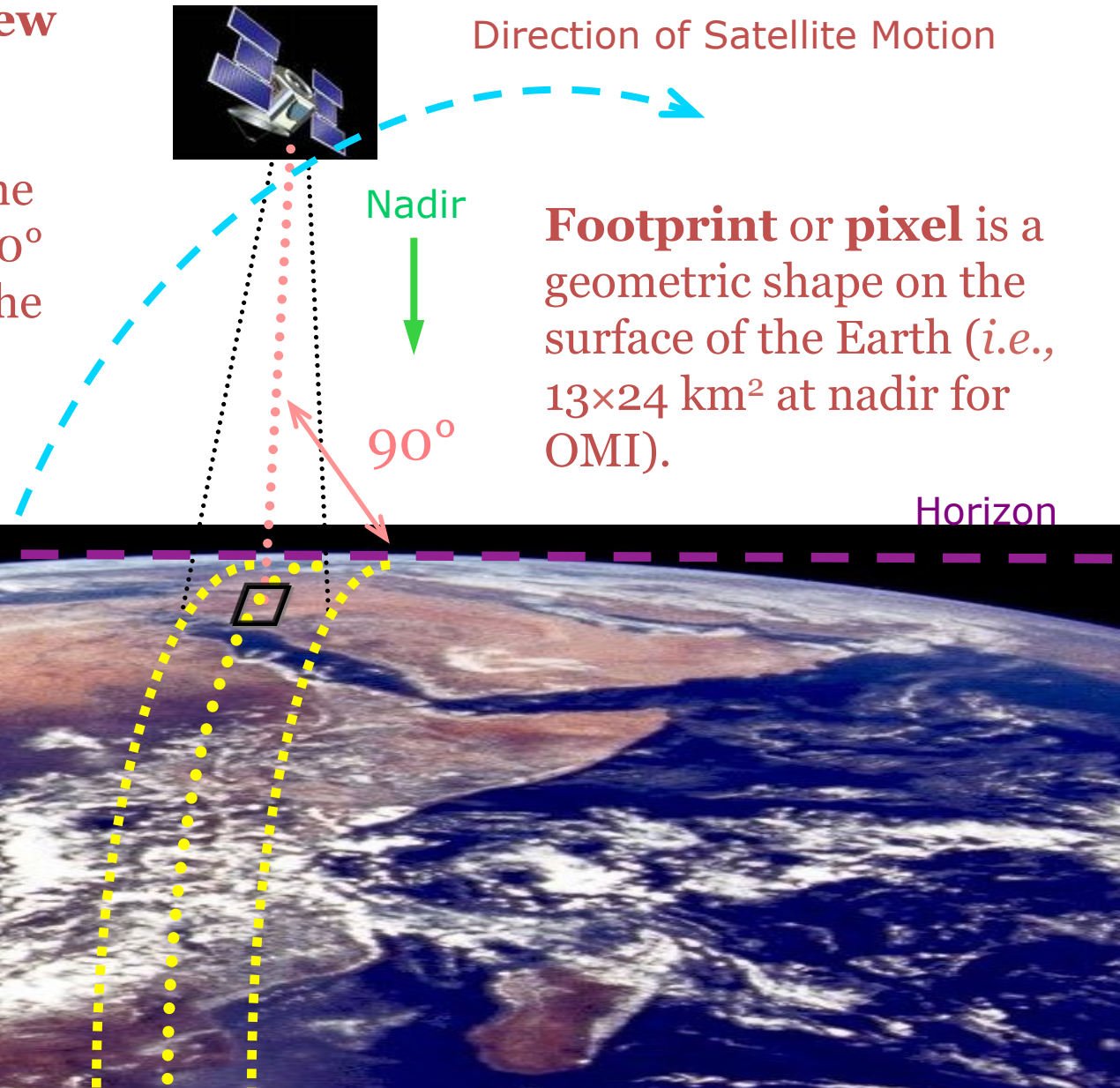
# OMI, TES, AIRS, to name a few, are a class of Passive Remote Sensing Instruments

Passive remote sensing instruments rely upon the amount of radiation *received* by the satellite instrument from the Earth's surface (thermal emission) or scattered back from the atmosphere.



# Aura (Aqua and Terra) are Polar Orbiting Satellites

The nadir **Field of View (FOV)** is defined as directly beneath the satellite track, when the satellite is overhead ( $90^\circ$  elevation angle from the horizon).

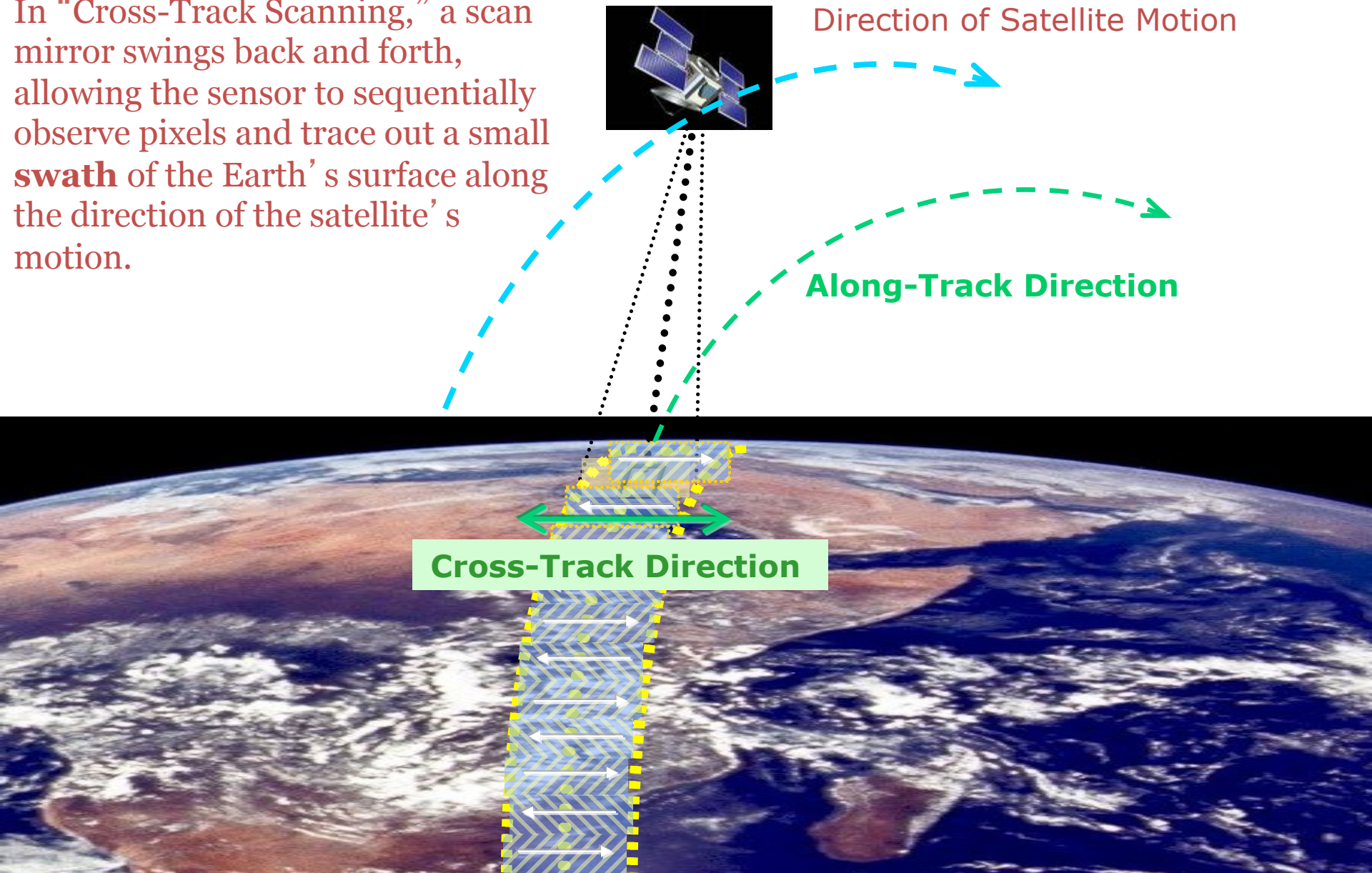






# Trace gas instruments are Cross-Track Scanning Sensors

In “Cross-Track Scanning,” a scan mirror swings back and forth, allowing the sensor to sequentially observe pixels and trace out a small **swath** of the Earth’s surface along the direction of the satellite’s motion.

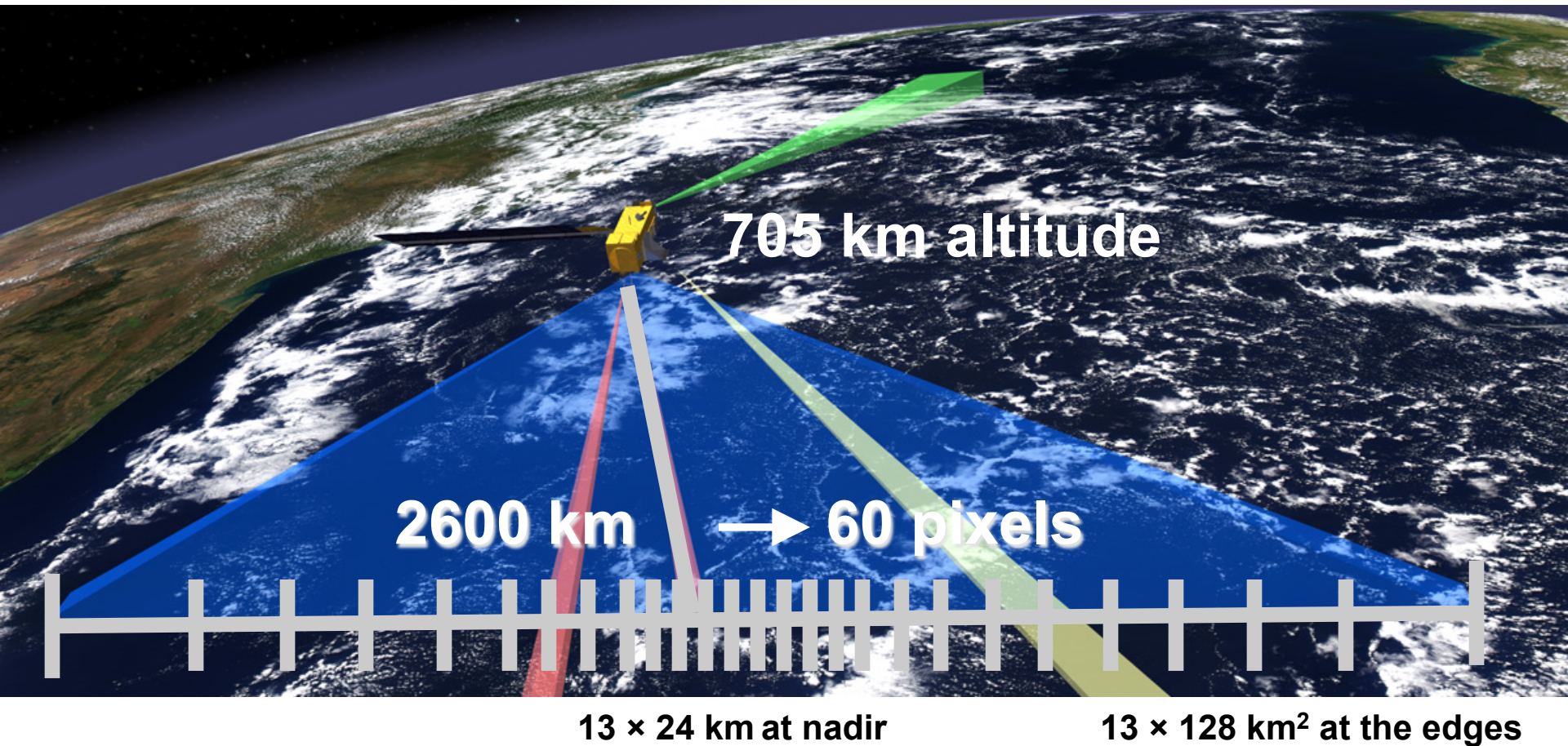


# OMI

## Ozone Monitoring Instrument



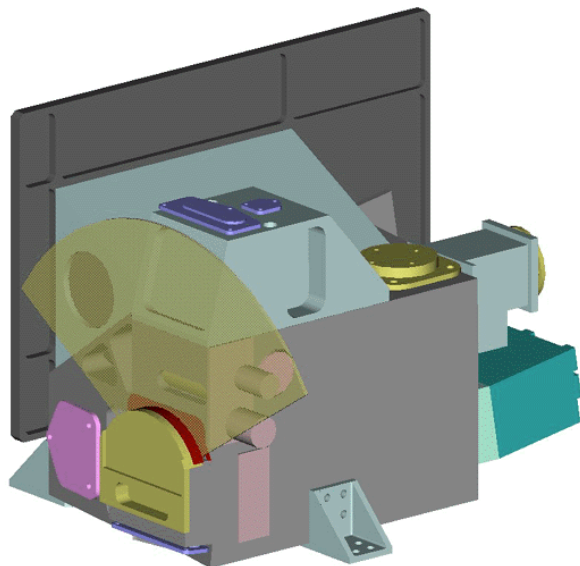
- Dutch/Finnish Instrument
- Launched July 15, 2004
- Nadir solar backscatter spectrometer
- Spectral range UV/Visible 270-500 nm (resolution~0.5nm )
- Spatial resolution: 13X24 km footprint at nadir
- Swath width: 2600 km (global daily coverage)
- Local Overpass time = 13:45 (+/- 15 min)



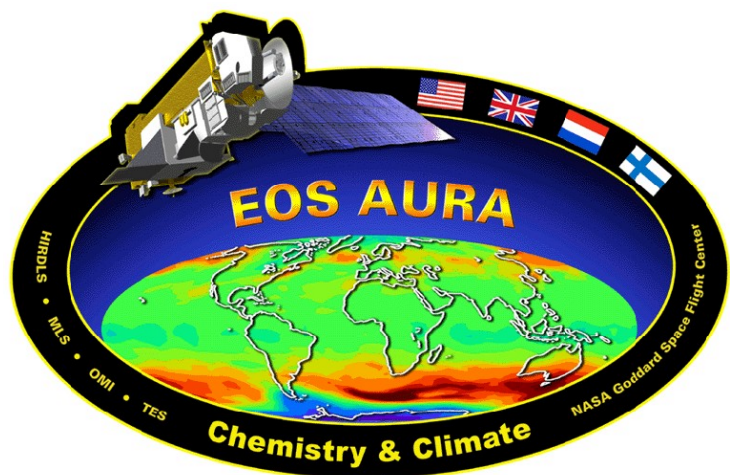


# OMI

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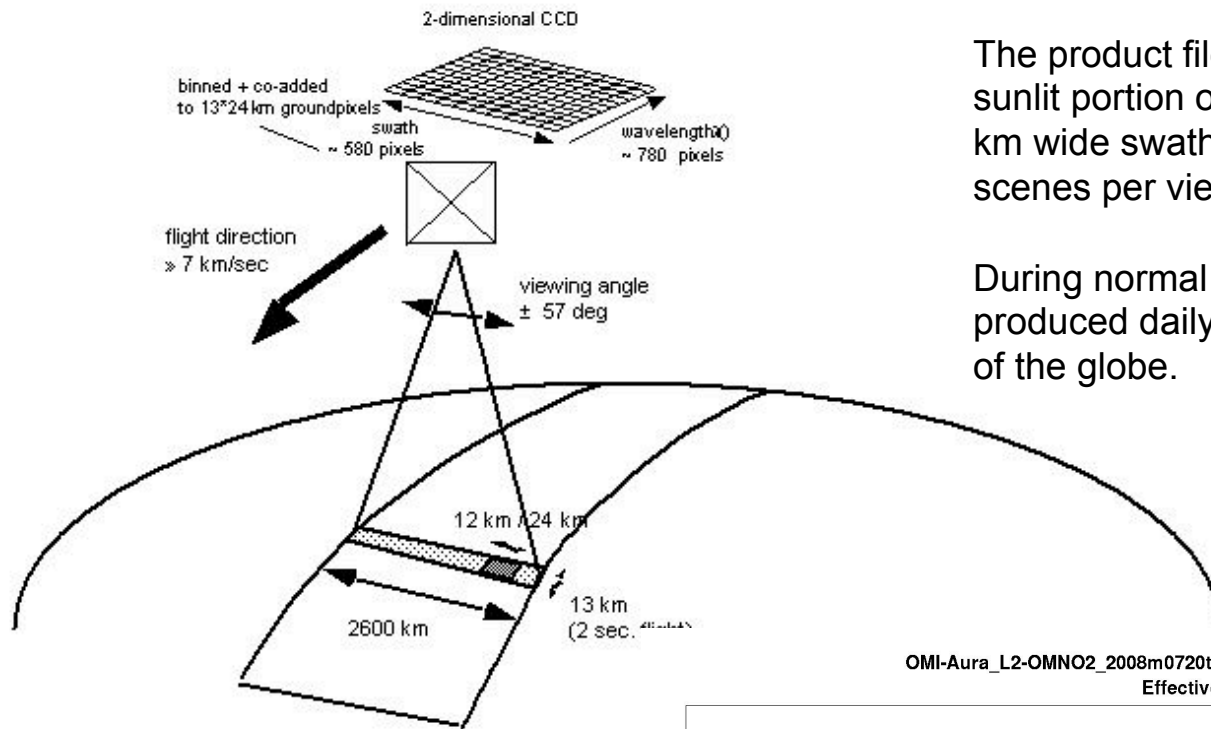


- Launched on July 15, 2004 on the NASA EOS Aura Satellite
- Nadir-viewing UV/Visible
  - ✚ 270-310 nm @ 0.6 nm
  - ✚ 310-500 nm @ 0.45 nm
- 1:40 PM equatorial crossing time
- 13x24 km<sup>2</sup> at nadir
- Daily global coverage.



### Products:

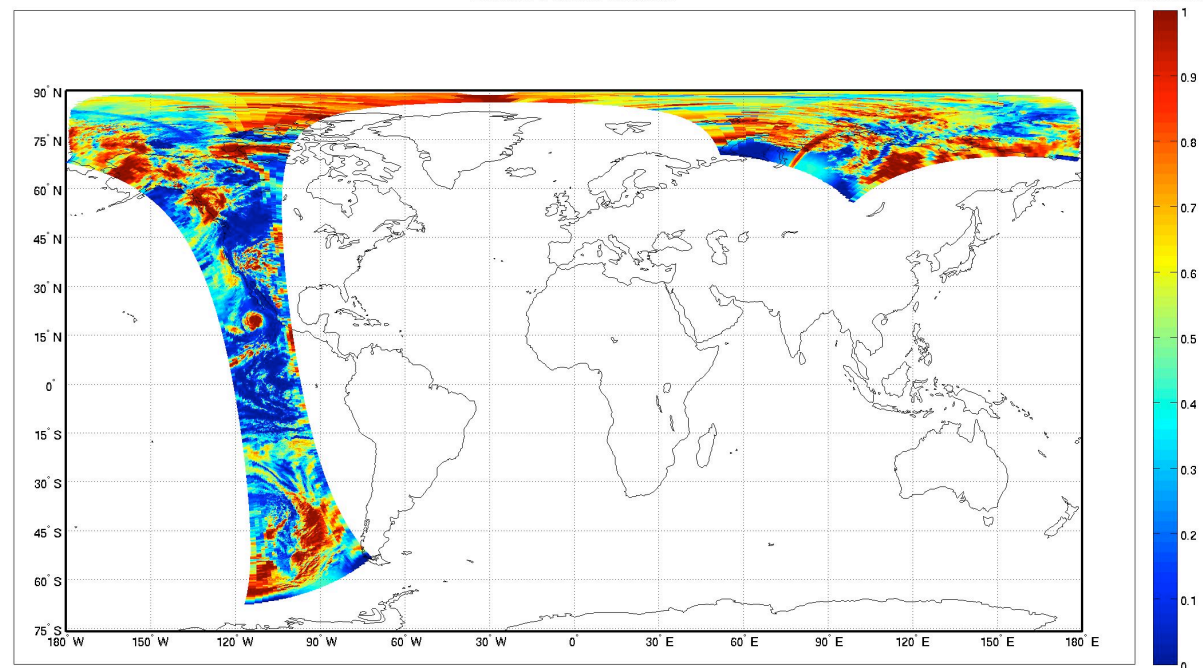
Total Column O<sub>3</sub>  
Tropospheric Column O<sub>3</sub> (experimental  
But not applicable in the mid-latitudes)  
Aerosol optical depth (in UV)  
Column NO<sub>2</sub>  
Column SO<sub>2</sub>



The product file, called a **data granule**, covers the sunlit portion of the orbit with an approximately 2600 km wide swath containing 60 binned pixels or scenes per viewing line.

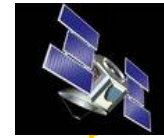
During normal operations, 14 or 15 granules are produced daily, providing fully contiguous coverage of the globe.

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Effective cloud fraction

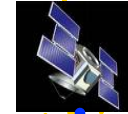




# Spatial Coverage



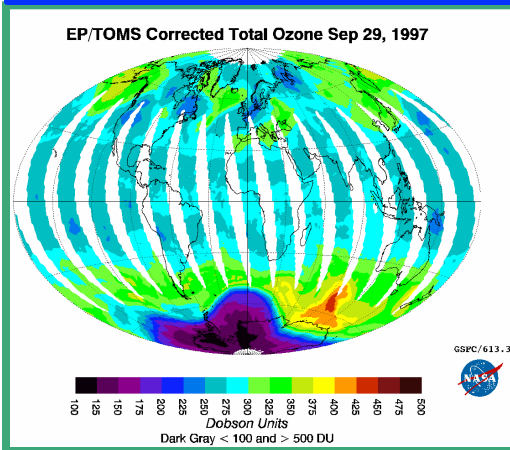
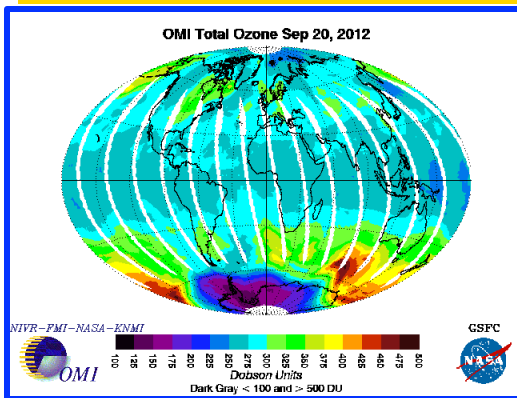
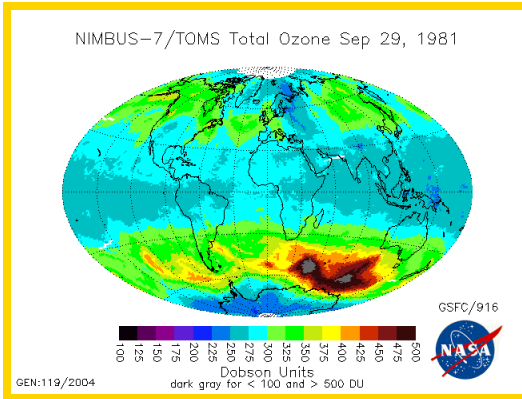
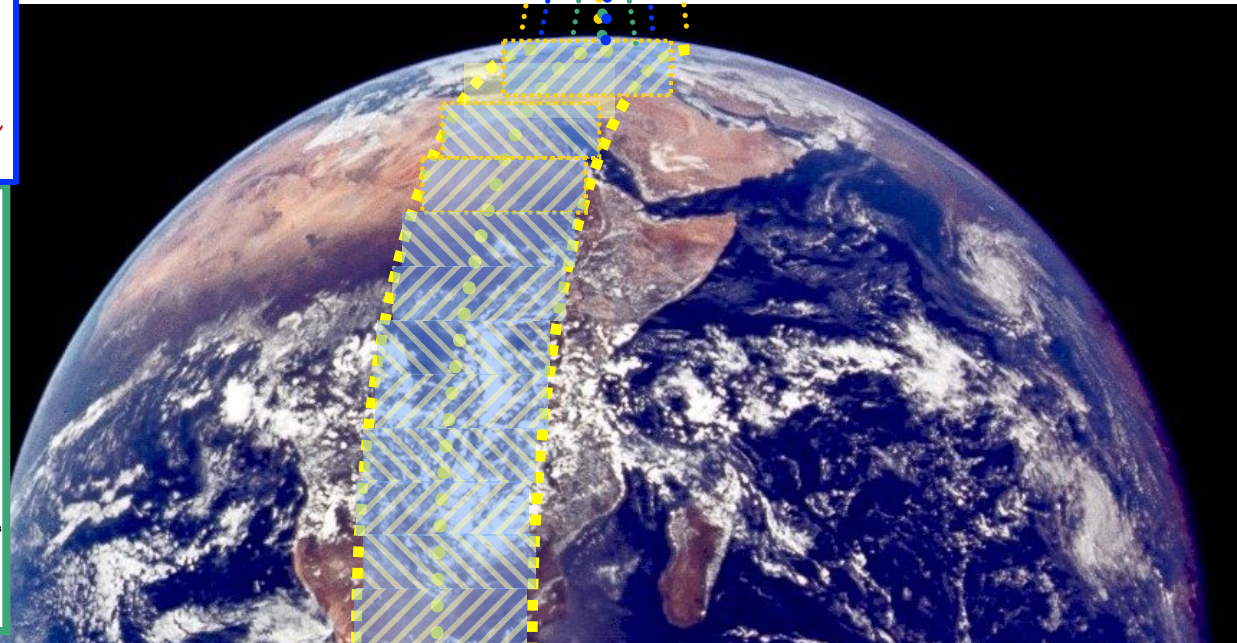
Nimbus-7 TOMS Orbital  
Altitude: 955 km



OMI Orbital Altitude: 705 km



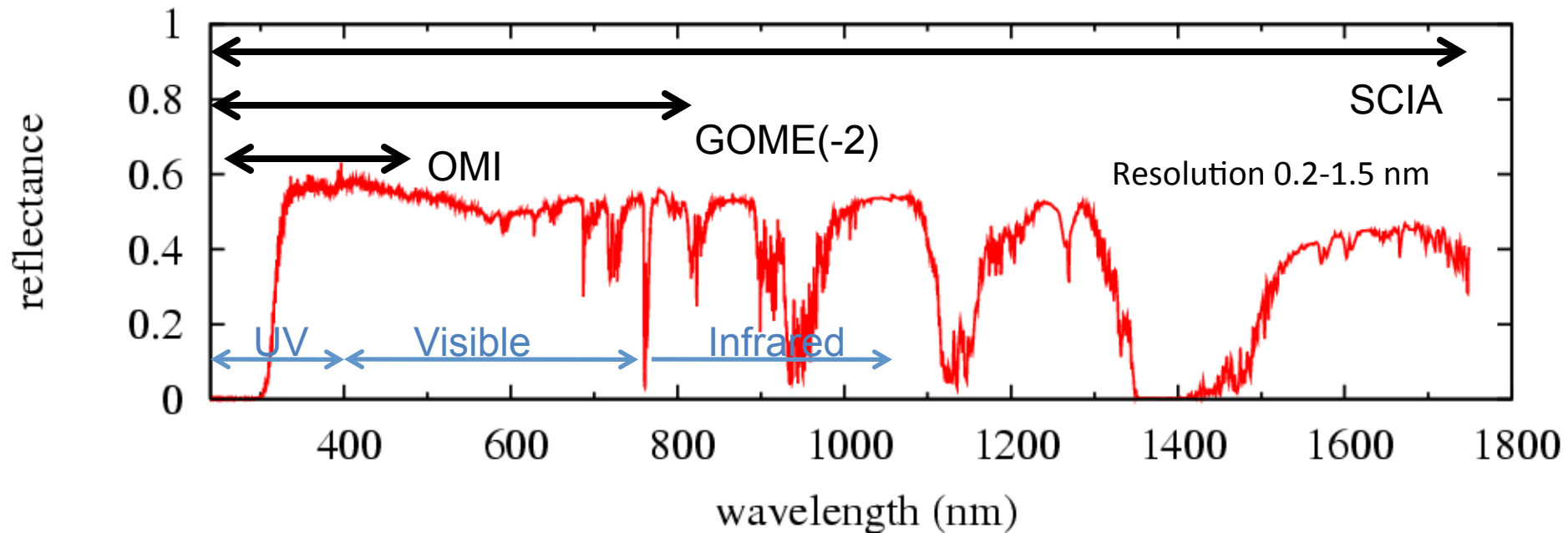
EarthProbe TOMS (original)  
Orbital Altitude: 500 km



# Hyper-spectral Instruments

## Satellite UV-visible spectrometers

- GOME ERS-2 240 – 800 nm
- SCIAMACHY Envisat 240 – 1750 nm
- OMI EOS-Aura 270 - 500 nm
- GOME-2 Metop-A 240 – 800 nm





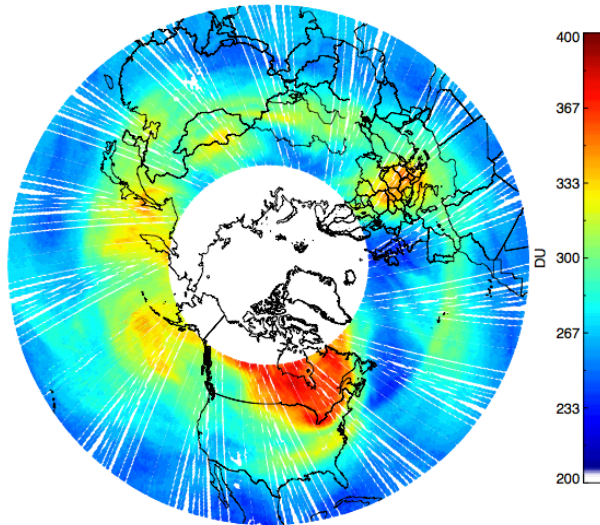


## Important information regarding OMI

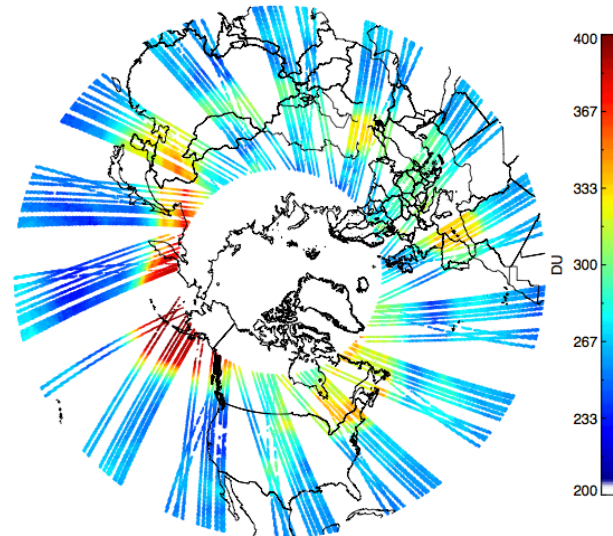
Almost 50% data loss since 2008  
(row anomaly effect)

Affects  $O_3$ ,  $SO_2$ , and to some extent  $NO_2$  OMI Products

OMI TO3 L2G: 2006 11 3



OMI TO3 L2G: 2010 11 1





## A word about OMI Ozone in the Troposphere

**OMI is NOT sensitive to ozone near the surface.**

There are tropospheric ozone products in development but it currently cannot be used for AQ monitoring.

Retrieval of boundary layer  $O_3$  from satellite remote sensing remains a daunting task.

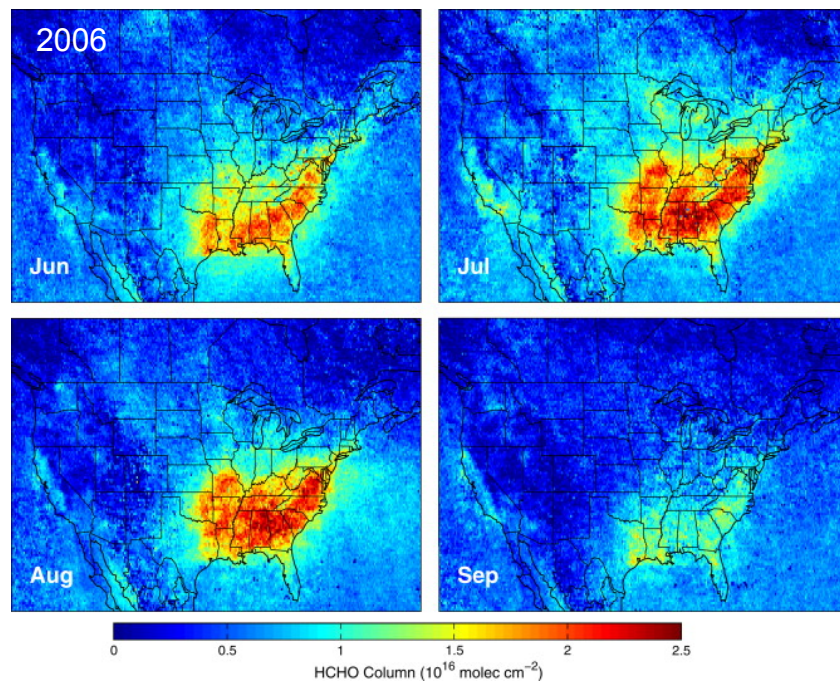




# A word about OMI Formaldehyde ( $\text{HCHO}$ , also written as $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ )

Data is reliable for the 2004-2009 time period only. Data re-processing is planned to account for the growing background noise and row anomalies.

HCHO is a proxy for isoprene emissions.



Source: Randall Martin, *Satellite remote sensing of surface air quality*, *Atmos. Environ.* 42(34), 7823-4843, 2008.

# Quantification of gas abundances

Satellite Tracer	Units
OMI O <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub>	Dobson Units
OMI NO <sub>2</sub> Column Amounts (also AIRS and MOPITT CO)	Molecules/cm <sup>2</sup>
AIRS and MOPITT CO Vertical Levels	Volume mixing ratio

# Dobson Unit – Typical Unit for measuring COLUMN burden of gases

A *Dobson Unit* is the common measure used in ozone (and **OMI SO<sub>2</sub>**) research.

1 Dobson Unit (DU) = 0.01 mm thickness at STP (Standard Temperature (273.15 K) and Pressure (1013.25 hPa)).

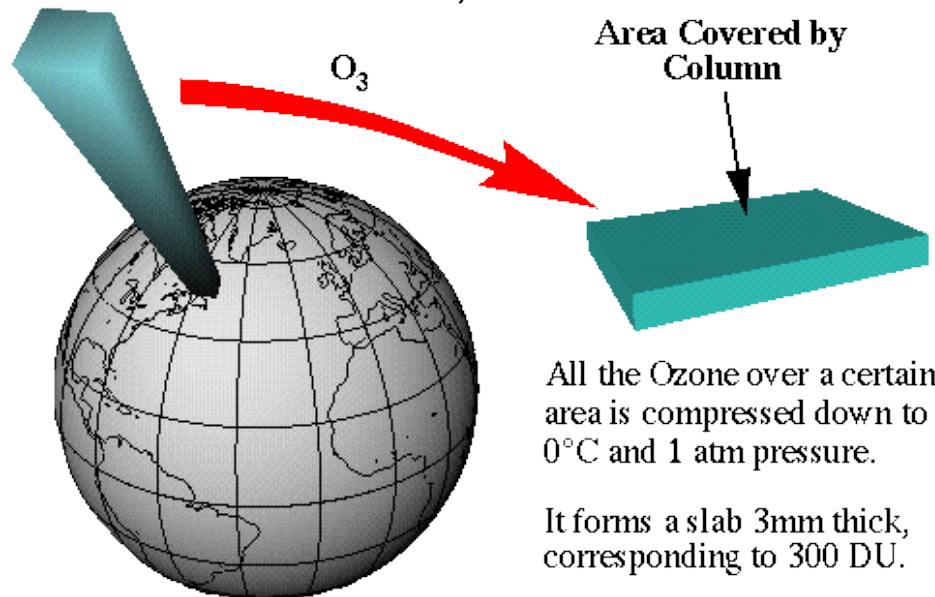
1 Dobson Unit =  $2.69 \times 10^{16}$  molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>

**OMI SO<sub>2</sub> values can range from 0 DU to 10 DU (explosive volcanic eruption)**

In contrast, a normal range of Ozone is 300 to 500 Dobson units, which translates to 1/8 inch - basically two stacked pennies!



G. M. B. Dobson (1889 - 1976)



# Data Storage

All NASA EOS data products are processed at various levels ranging from Level 0 to Level 4. At higher levels, the data are converted into more useful parameters and formats.

Data Level	Description
Level 0	Raw data at full instrument resolution.
Level 1A	Raw data including radiometric and geometric calibration coefficients and geo-referencing parameters (e.g., platform ephemeris) computed and appended but not applied to Level 0 data.
Level 1B	Level 1A data that have been processed to sensor units (not all instruments have Level 1B source data).
<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Derived geophysical variables at the same resolution and location as Level 1 source data.</b>
<b>Level 2G and 3</b>	<b>Variables mapped on uniform space-time grid scales, usually with some completeness and consistency.</b>
Level 4	Model output or results from analyses of lower-level data (e.g., variables derived from multiple measurements).

# Another thing to consider for satellite observations

## Spatial Resolution

The spatial resolution of current satellite instruments (10' s of km diameter) has been shown to be good enough to map tropospheric concentration fields at local to regional scales and fine enough to resolve individual power plants or even large cities.

For those species having short atmospheric life times (e.g. NO<sub>2</sub>), the averaging over larger satellite pixels can lead to significant dilution of signals from point sources, complicating quantitative analysis and separation of emission sources.

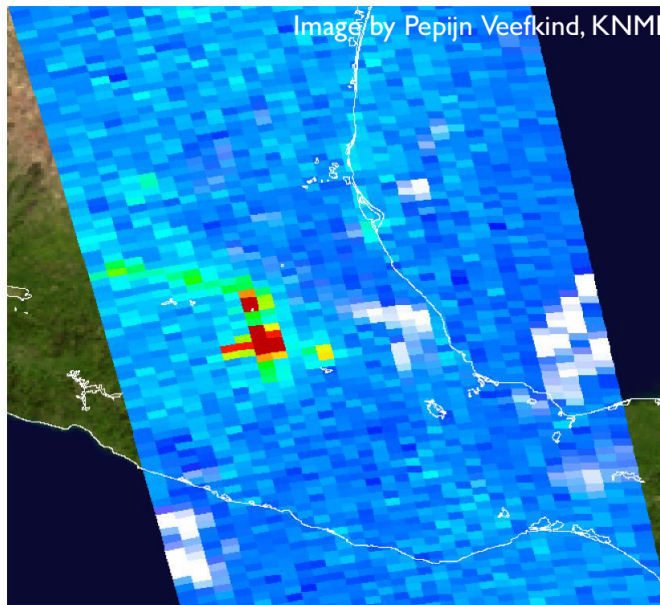
For quantitative analysis – Level 2 and high-resolution gridded Level 3 data are optimal.

Advantaged of using Level 3 vs Level 2 data are:

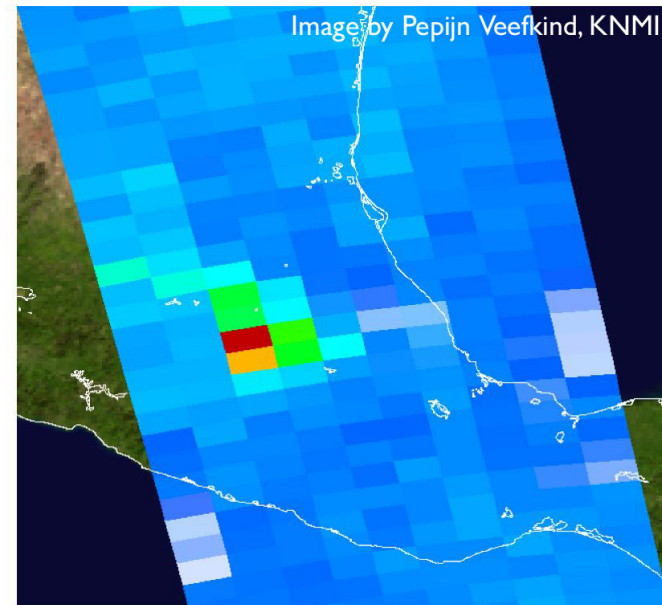
- Uniform grid
- One file per day
- Smaller sized files
- Quality flags and filtering criteria have been applied



## Spatial Resolution



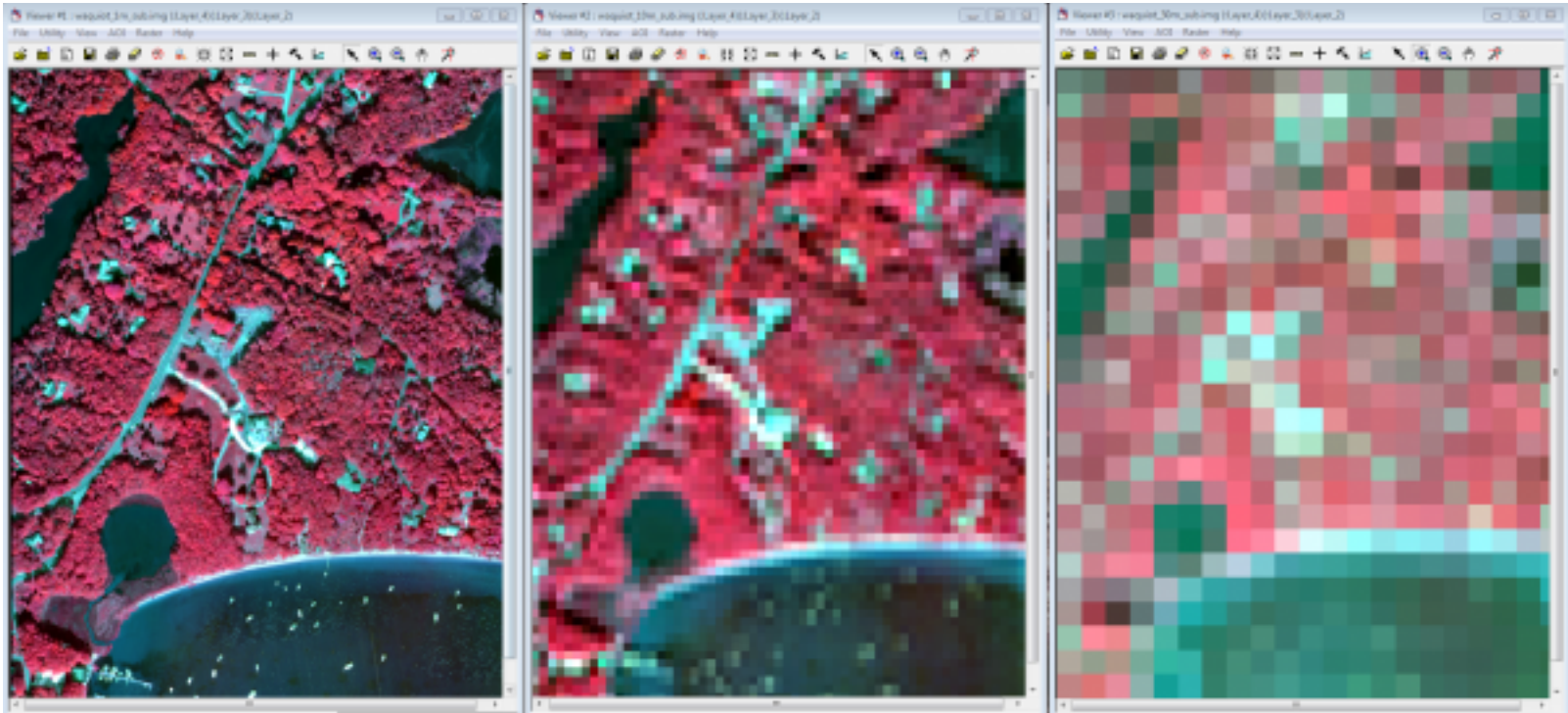
OMI 24x13 km<sup>2</sup>



Approx. GOME-2 72x39 km<sup>2</sup>

**Mexico City, Jan. 20, 2005**





File Size Increases

Waquiot Bay, MA aerial imagery in its native 1m format (left) compared to a 10m (middle) and 30m (right) version of the same data. While visual differences are easy to see, the file sizes also change from 2.5MB to 39kB to 23kB.

**OMI**

**Ozone Monitoring  
Instrument**



- Planetary Boundary Layer (PBL) and Volcanic SO<sub>2</sub>
- Tropospheric Column NO<sub>2</sub>



# SO<sub>2</sub>

- a precursor of sulfate acid (acid rain) and sulfate particle
- colorless gas with a suffocating, choking odor.
- toxic to humans
- primary from burning of coals (smelters, power plants)
- sometime from volcanic eruptions



# OMI SO<sub>2</sub> Gridded Product Summary

SO <sub>2</sub> Product	Level	Data Short Name	Sensitivity	Use
PBL SO <sub>2</sub>	L3, 0.25°x0.25°	OMSO2e	0.6 km	Fossil fuel, industry
TRL SO <sub>2</sub>	L2G, 0.25°x0.25°	OMSO2G	3 km	Industry outflow
TRM SO <sub>2</sub>	L2G, 0.25°x0.25°	OMSO2G	5 km	optimized for volcanic degassing with vents at ~5km altitude or above and emissions from effusive eruptions.
STL SO <sub>2</sub>	L2G, 0.25°x0.25°	OMSO2G	15 km	intended for use with explosive volcanic eruptions

**Caveat:** Unlike the OMISO2e ‘best’ product. L2G data are NOT screened for clouds, sza, quality flags, row anomalies.

# OMI AQ SO<sub>2</sub> product in the boundary Layer

Data Set Short Name = OMISO2e

Product Level = 3

Begin Date = October 1, 2004

Resolution = 0.25°lon x 0.25°lat

Version = 003

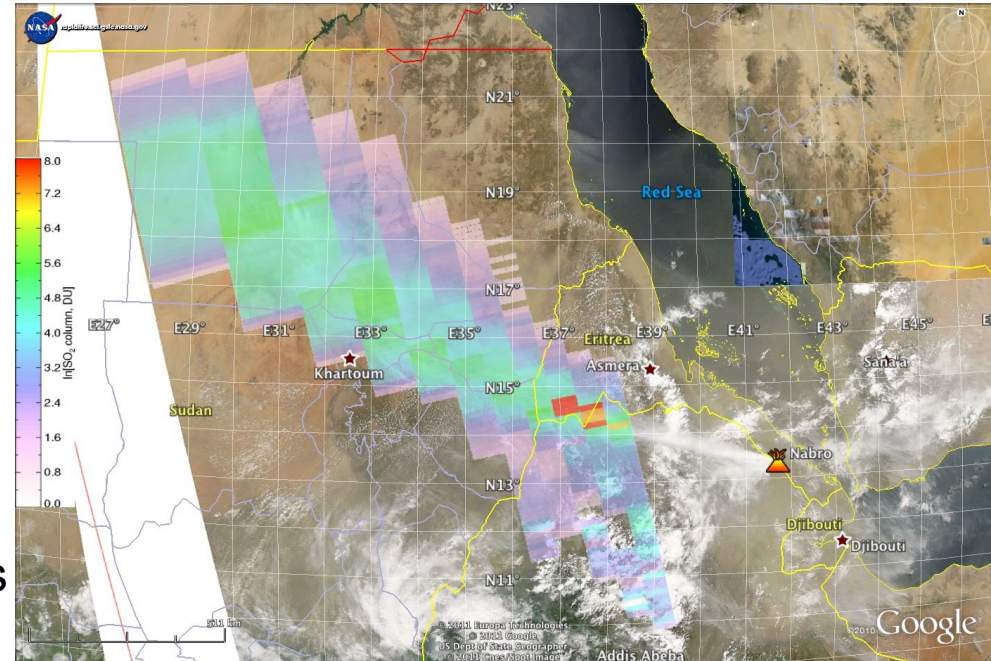
**Cloud-screened best measurement**

Production Frequency: Daily

Granule (File) Coverage: 15 orbits

File Size(Approx): 5 MB

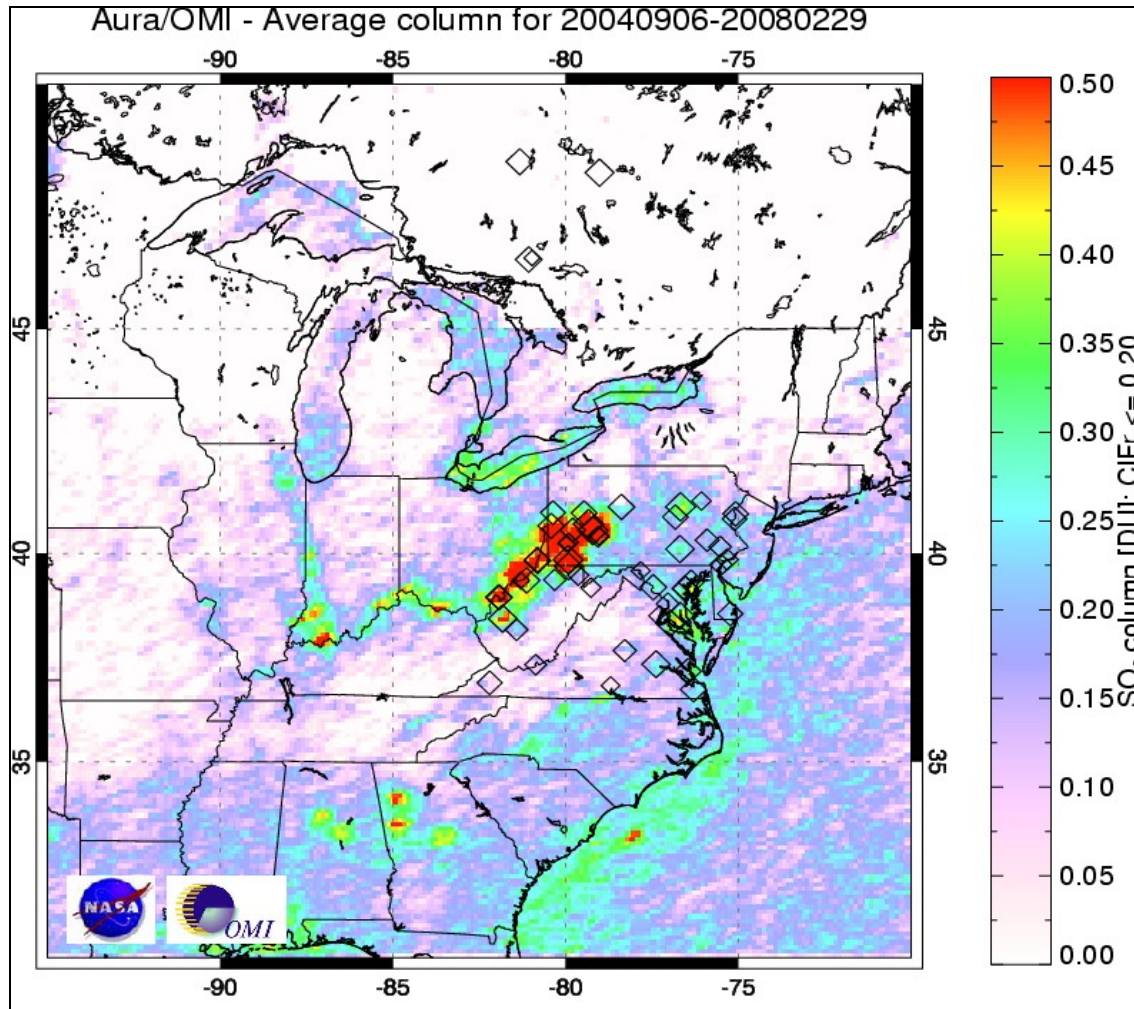
Contains **best** pixel data, screened for OMI row anomaly, clouds, and other data quality flags.



*Aqua MODIS visible image of the Nabro (Eritrea) eruption on June 13, 2011 and the SO<sub>2</sub> plume overlaid.*

Data here: [http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/Aura/data-holdings/OMI/omso2e\\_v003.shtml](http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/Aura/data-holdings/OMI/omso2e_v003.shtml)

# Average OMI SO<sub>2</sub> burdens over eastern USA



◇ - major power plants

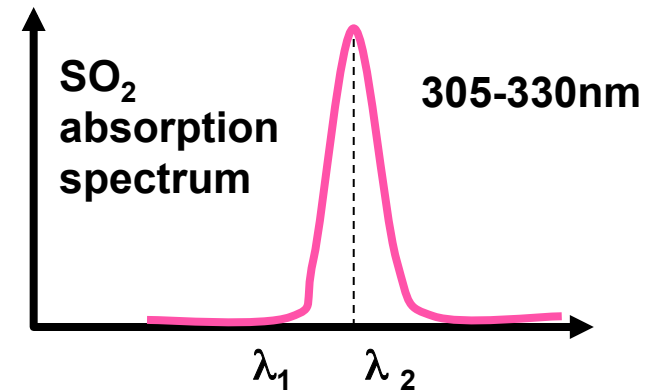


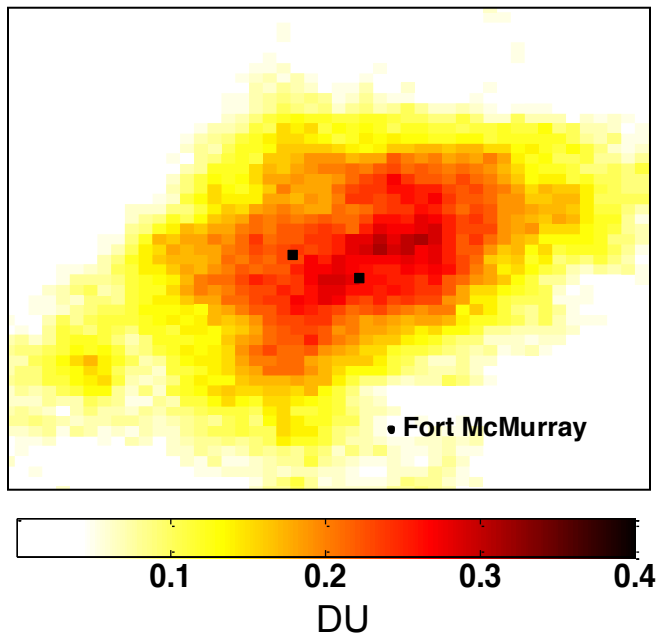
Image courtesy: Nickolay Krotkov, UMBC & NASA





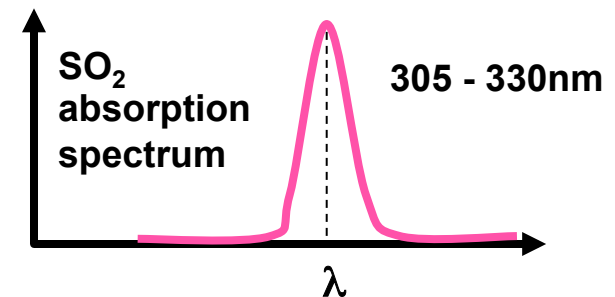
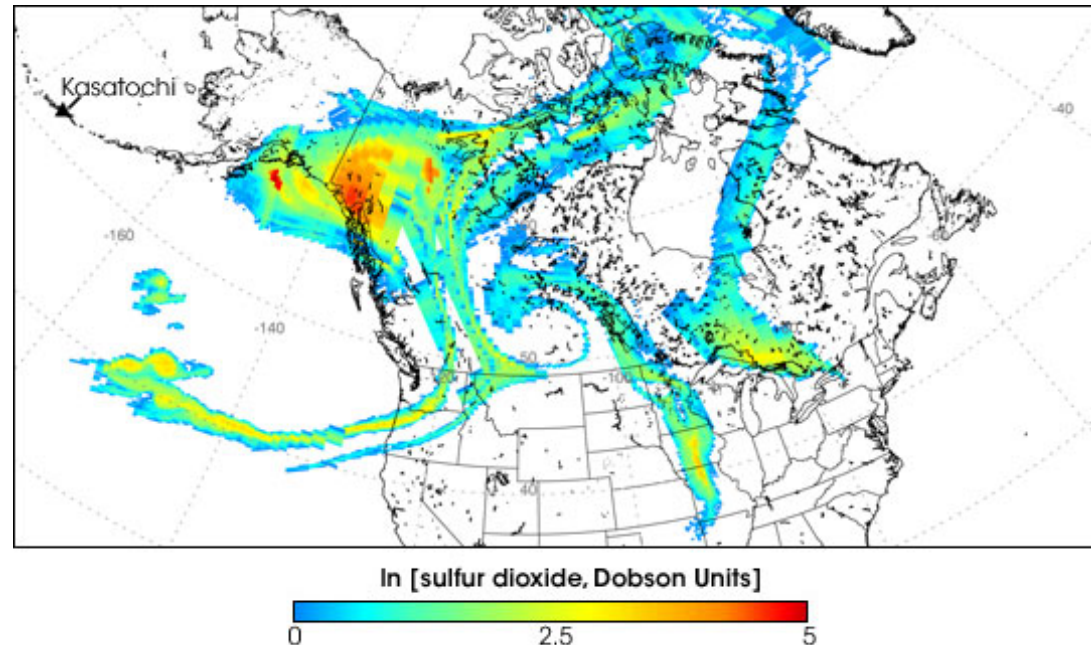
# Perspective: What is considered high $\text{SO}_2$ ?

2005-2010 mean over the  
Canadian oil sands



McLinden, C. A., et al. (2012), Air quality over the Canadian oil sands: A first assessment using satellite observations, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 39, L04804, doi:10.1029/2011GL050273.

OMI  $\text{SO}_2$  from the Kasatochi Volcano eruption in the Alaskan Aleutian Islands on 2008 August 8 continued to spread eastward on August 12.



# Data Access

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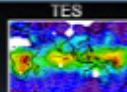
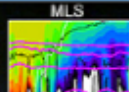
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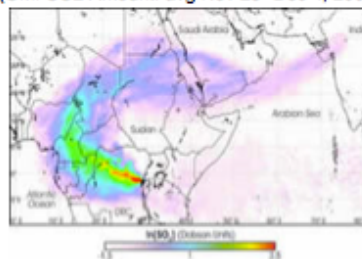
## Aura OMI Sulphur Dioxide Level 3 Best Pixel Global (0.25 deg Lat/Lon grids ) Data Product-OMSO2e

**NEWS: OMSo2e is a Level-3 product (contains best pixel data, screened for OMI row anomaly and other data quality flags)**

### Data Access

- [Mirador - fast search & download](#)

SO<sub>2</sub> Plume from Nyamuragira Volcano  
(OMI SO<sub>2</sub> Amount: avg Nov 28- Dec 4, 2006)



Principal Investigator (PI):

Nickolay A. Krotkov  
(NASA GSFC)

### Data Version and Data Holdings

Processing	Version	Begin Date	End Date
Forward	003	Oct 1, 2004	---

Production Frequency: 1 file/day

Granule (File) Coverage: one day

File Size(Approx): 5 MB

Platform: EOS-Aura

Instrument: OMI

Product: Level-3 OMI Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Data Product

Data Set Short Name: OMSo2e

Data Set Long Name: OMI/Aura Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Total Column Daily L3 Best Pixel Global 0.25deg Lat/Lon Grid

### OMI Data Documents:

- [-Short Readme for OMSo2e](#)
- [-File Format Specification](#)
- [- OMI Data User's Guide](#)

### -OMI Algorithm Documents Related to OMSo2 (the data used in OMSo2e)

- [- OMI Algorithm Theoretical Basis Documents](#)

### Other Related Documents:

- [-OMSo2e Document for Global Change Master Directory](#)
- [- HDF-EOS Aura File Format Guidelines](#)

### Tools:

- [-Data Read Software & Tools](#)
- [-Giovanni Data Exploration Tool](#)
- [-OMI SO<sub>2</sub> Images \(GSFC-NASA\)](#)
- [-OMI SO<sub>2</sub> Images Near Real Time \(NOAA\)](#)

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- [-EOS-Aura OMI Page](#)
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NOAA Level 2, site-specific operational SO<sub>2</sub>, cloud, and AI maps and data access.

FMI VFD SO<sub>2</sub> maps

Atmospheric Chemistry and Dynamics Laboratory (Code 614)  
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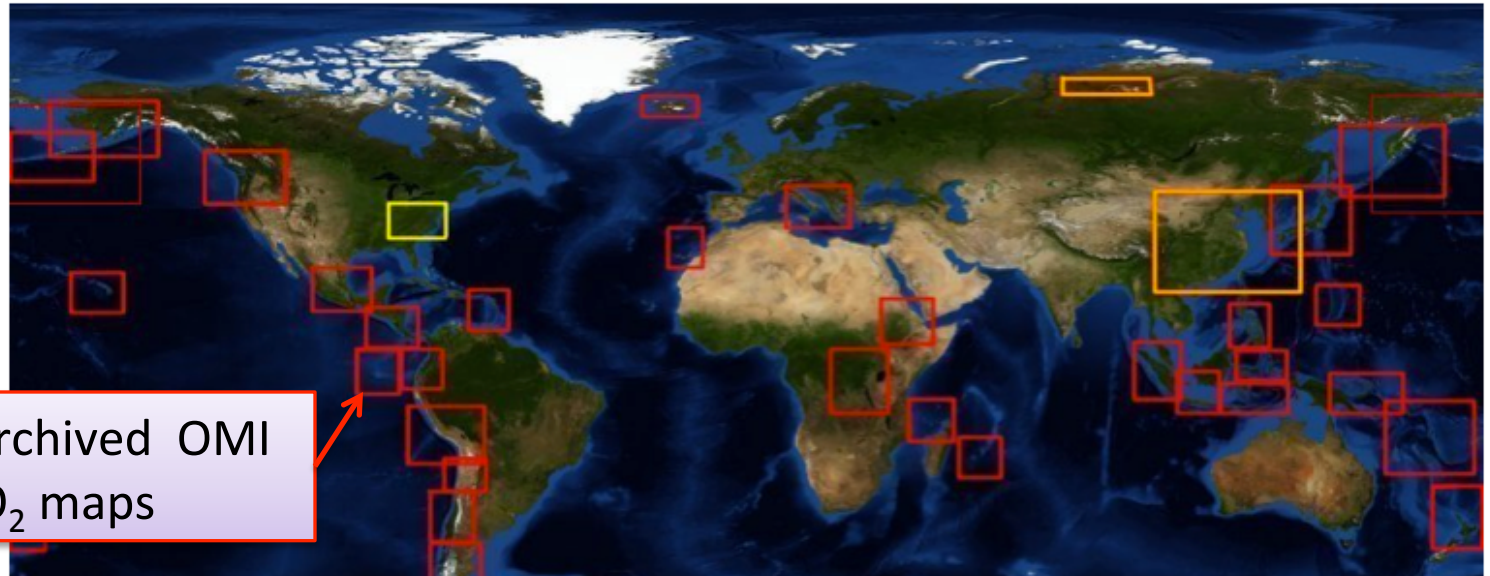
Latest SO<sub>2</sub> eruption alerts NOAA-NESDIS. SACS-BIRA. IASI-ULB.  
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MEaSURES project:

TOMS images (1979-2005) | AIRS images (2003-2004) | OMI images (2004-present) | OMPS images (May 2012-present)

Latest Daily (OMI/OMPS) Images of SO<sub>2</sub> (click on a highlighted rectangle)

Red = daily volcanic regions, orange = daily pollution regions, yellow = long-term pollution images



NASA archived OMI daily SO<sub>2</sub> maps



# OMI Very Fast Delivery Images: <http://omivfd.fmi.fi/volcanic.html>

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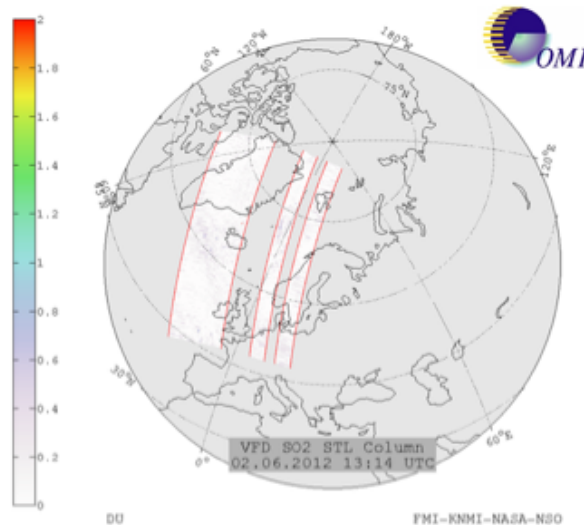
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## volcanic products

These products can be used to monitor volcanic eruptions.



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AI = Aerosol Index

CF = Cloud Fraction



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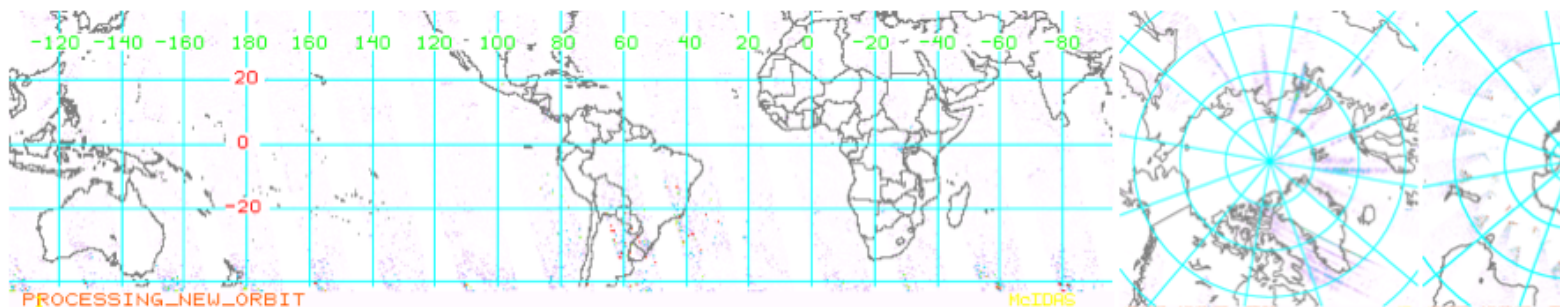
# OMI near real-time SO2 interactive maps:

<http://satepsanone.nesdis.noaa.gov/pub/OMI/OMISO2/index.html>



## Latest OMI SO2 Column 5Km - 24-Hour Composite Images

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Current OMI SO2 Composites	<a href="#">Tropics</a>	<a href="#">Northern Hemisphere</a>	<a href="#">Southern Hemisphere</a>
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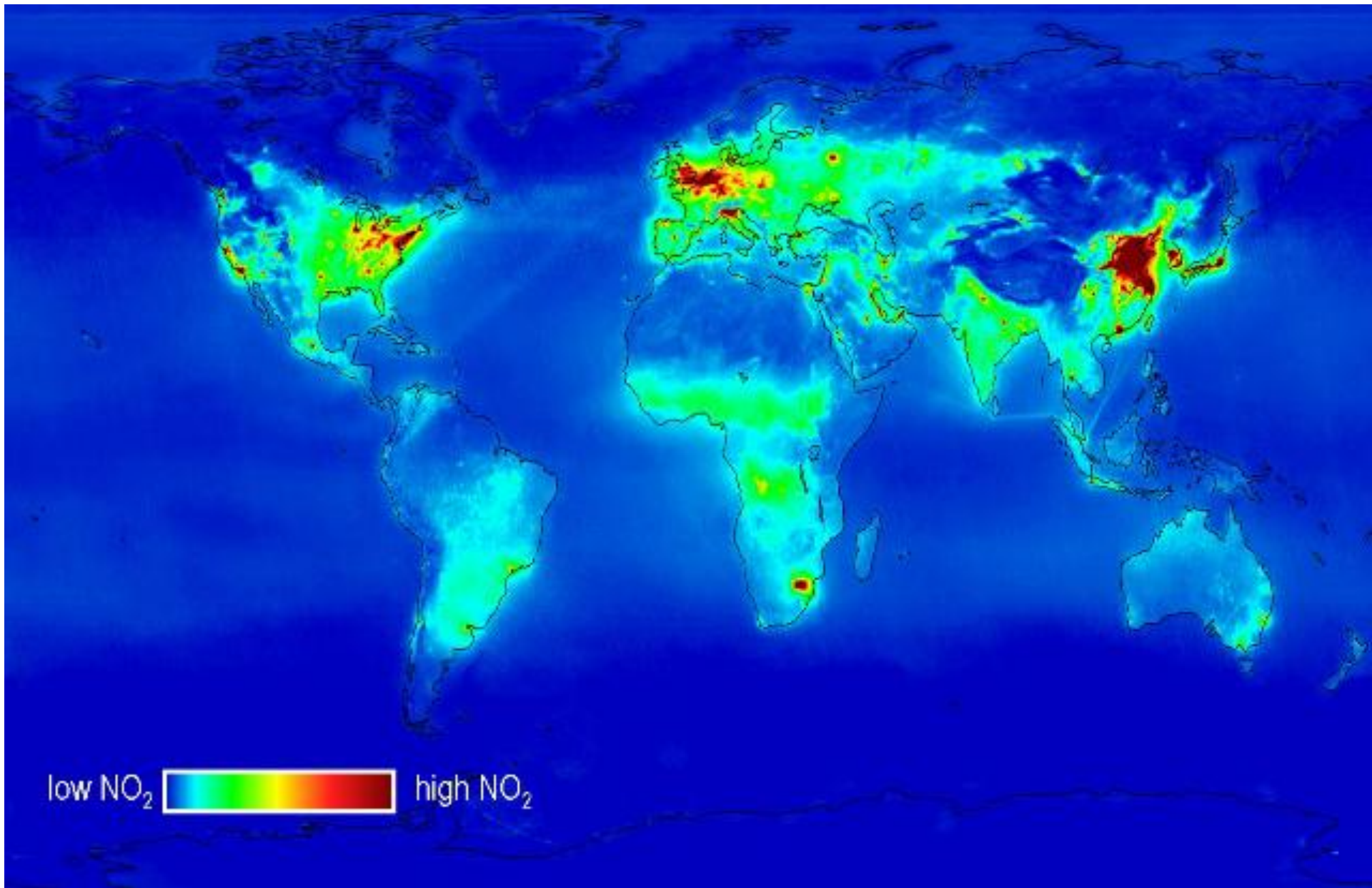
## Latest OMI\_SO2 Column 5Km by Volcano

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For OMI and AIRS SO2 Alerts check the [OMI SO2 Alert Site](#) and the [AIRS SO2 Alert Site](#)

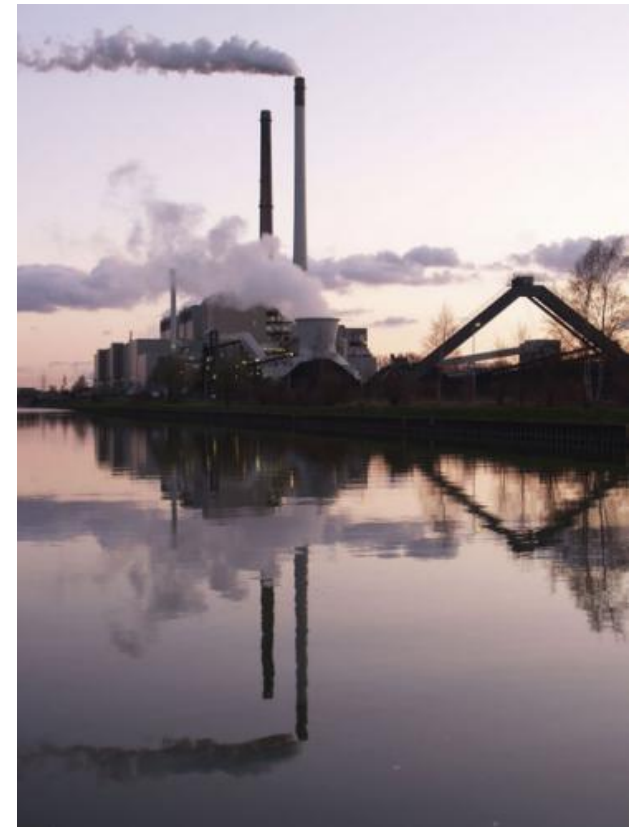
For science quality products check with [NASA GES DISC](#) and with the [NASA Global Sulfur Dioxide Monitoring](#)

# OMI NO<sub>2</sub> Products

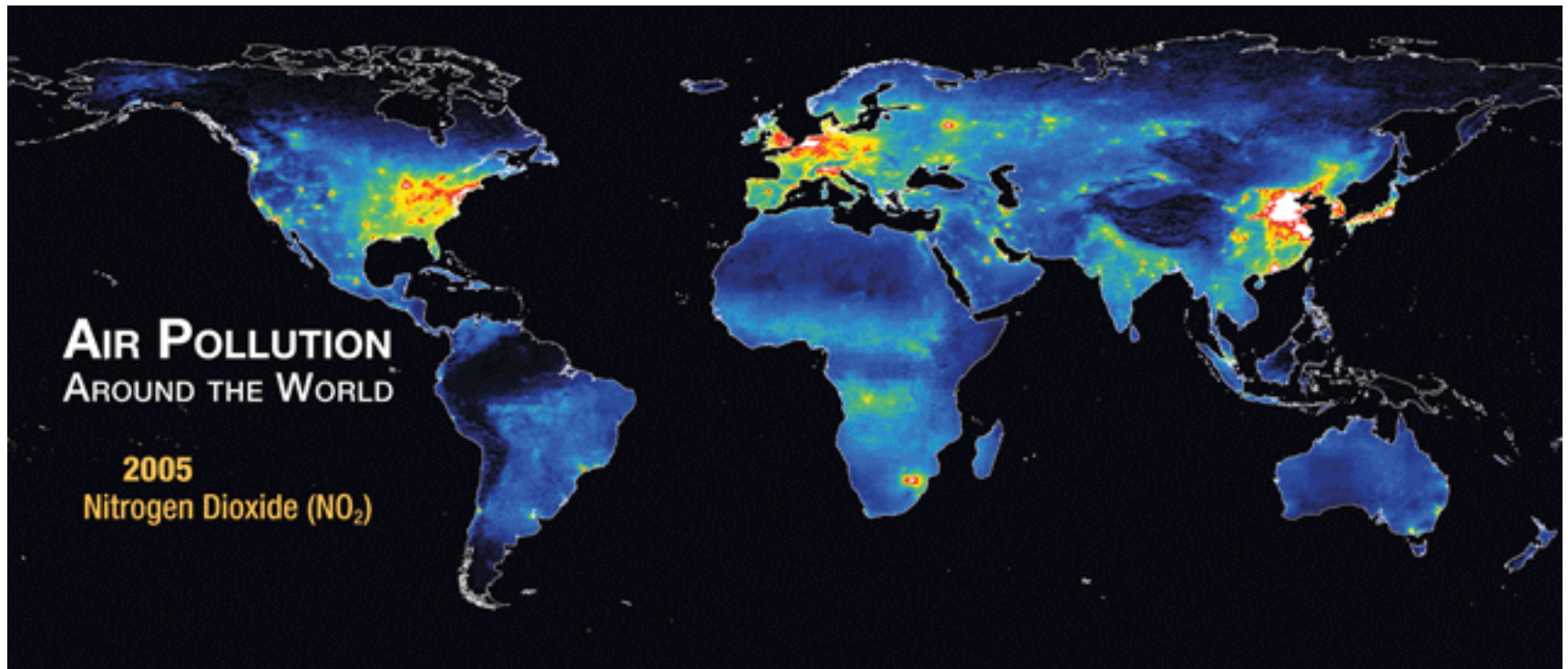
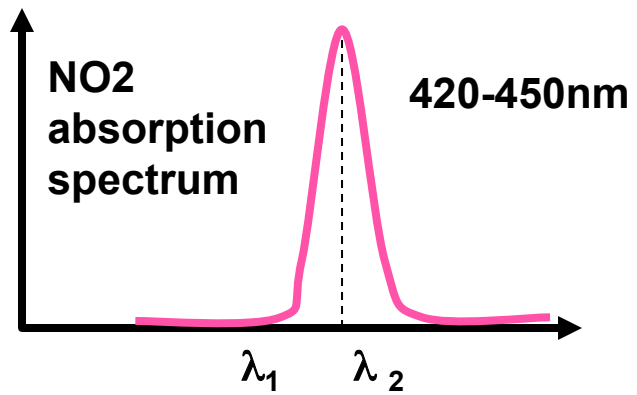




- $\text{NO}_x + \text{VOC} \rightarrow \text{O}_3 + \dots$
- precursor of nitrate acid (causes acid rain)
- nitrate acid + ammonia  $\rightarrow$  nitrate particle  $\rightarrow$  particulate pollution
- toxic
- primarily from vehicle exhaust and other combustion
- most  $\text{NO}_x$  is  $\text{NO}_2$ .







# OMI Tropospheric Column NO<sub>2</sub> for AQ appl.

- Two *Separate* Algorithms

1. NASA/GSFC “Standard Product”

- Level 3 data (cloud screened) at GES-DISC and GIOVANNI
- Data Short name = OMNO2d

2. KNMI (Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute) DOMINO (Near-Real Time) Product

- Level 2 data and images available from KNMI and TEMIS.
- Data Short Name = OMDOMINO
- <http://www.temis.nl/airpollution/no2.html>
- Includes data/images from European Satellite instruments: GOME, GOME-2, SCIAMACHY



# GSFC Standard Product for AQ Applications

OMI L2, L2G and L3 products based on the enhanced algorithms has been reprocessed.

Data Set Short Name = OMNO2d

Product Level = 3

Begin Date = October 1, 2004

Resolution = 0.25°lon x 0.25°lat

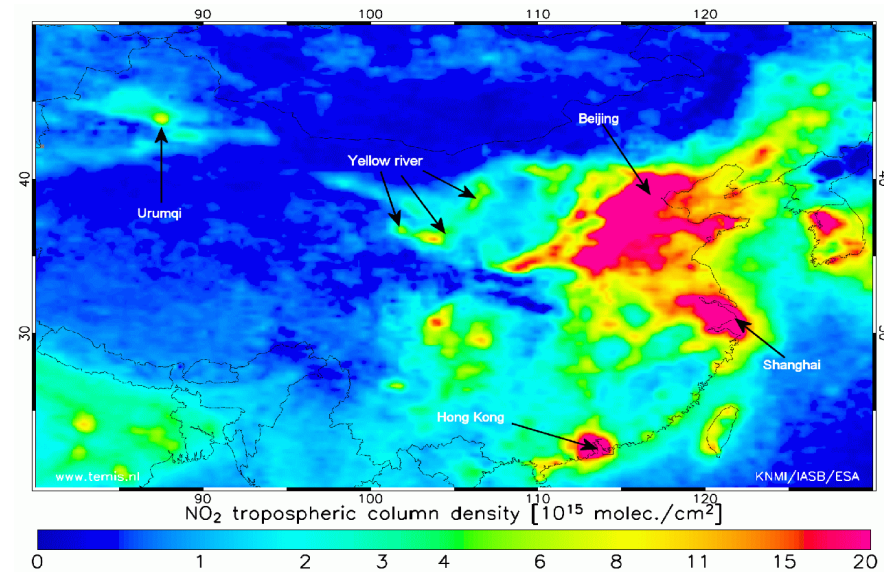
Version = 003

**Cloud-screened best observation**

Production Frequency: Daily

Granule (File) Coverage: 15 orbits

File Size (Approx): 2.5 MB



Data access here:

[http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/Aura/data-holdings/OMI/omno2d\\_v003.shtml](http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/Aura/data-holdings/OMI/omno2d_v003.shtml)

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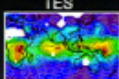
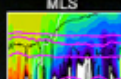
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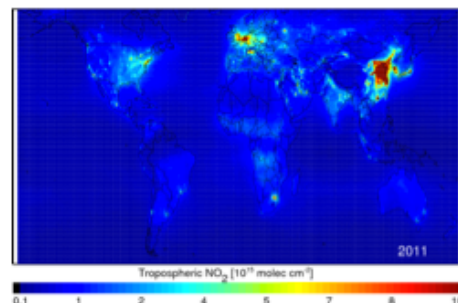
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### Data Access

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Tropospheric Column Density of Nitrogen Dioxide, 2011



(P.I: Nickolay Krotkov, USA ; Pepijn Veefkind, KNMI)

### Data Version and Data Holdings

Version	Begin Date	End Date
003	Oct 1, 2004	Current

Production Frequency: one file/day

Granule (File) Coverage: global

File Siz (max):: ~ 6 MB

Platform: EOS-Aura

Instrument: OMI

Product: Level-3 OMI NO<sub>2</sub> Cloud-Screened Total and Tropospheric Column NO<sub>2</sub> (V003)

Data Set Short Name: OMNO2d

Data Set Long Name: OMI/Aura NO<sub>2</sub> Cloud-Screened Total and Tropospheric Column Daily L3 Global 0.25deg Lat/Lon Grid (V003)

### OMI Data Documents

- [Readme Document for OMNO2d](#)
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- [Giovanni: Data Exploration Interface](#)
- [OMI Data User's Guide](#)
- [Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document](#)

### Other Related Documents:

- [OMNO2 data document for Global Change Master Directory](#)
- [HDF-EOS Aura File Format Guidelines](#)

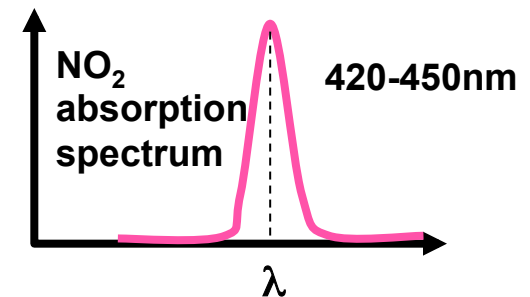
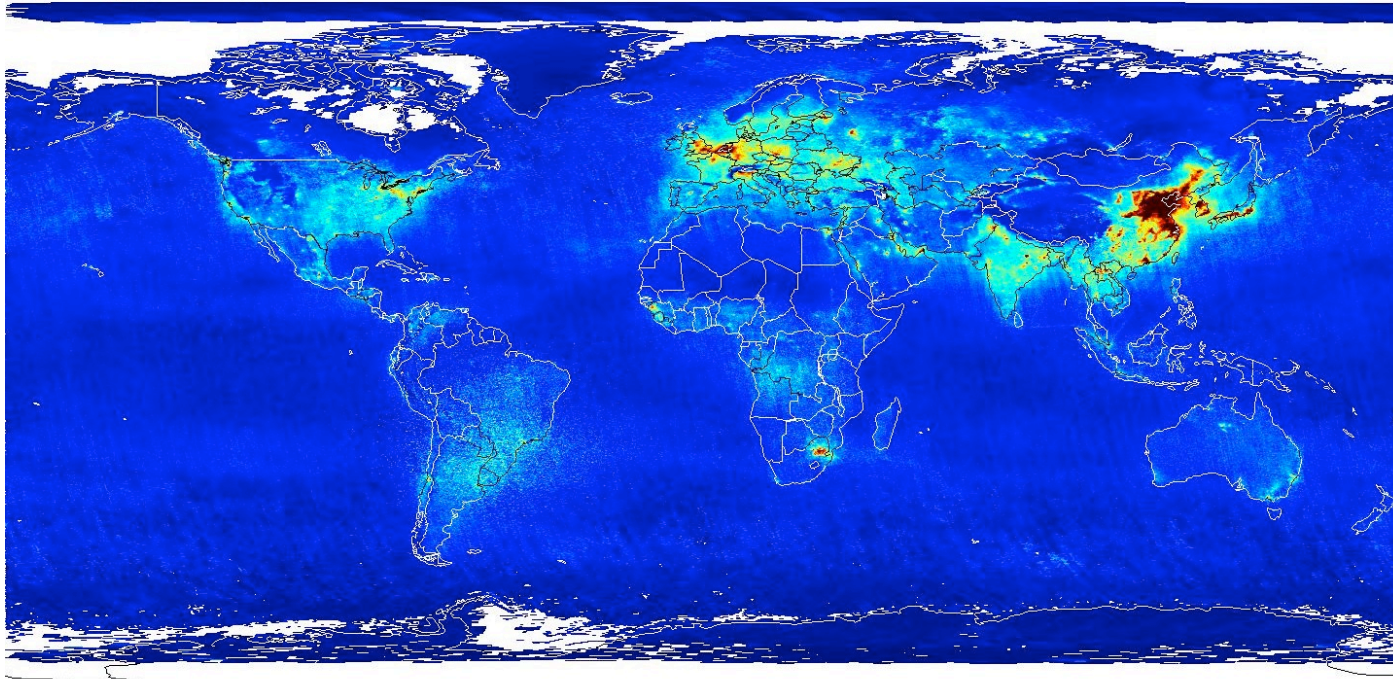
### Other Links :

- [EOS-Aura OMI Page](#)
- [OMI Home Page \(KNMI-Netherlands\)](#)
- [OMI/TOMS Home Page \(GSFC-NASA\)](#)
- [Aura Validation Data Center \(AVDC\)](#)

# Perspective: What is a lot of NO<sub>2</sub>?



March 2011

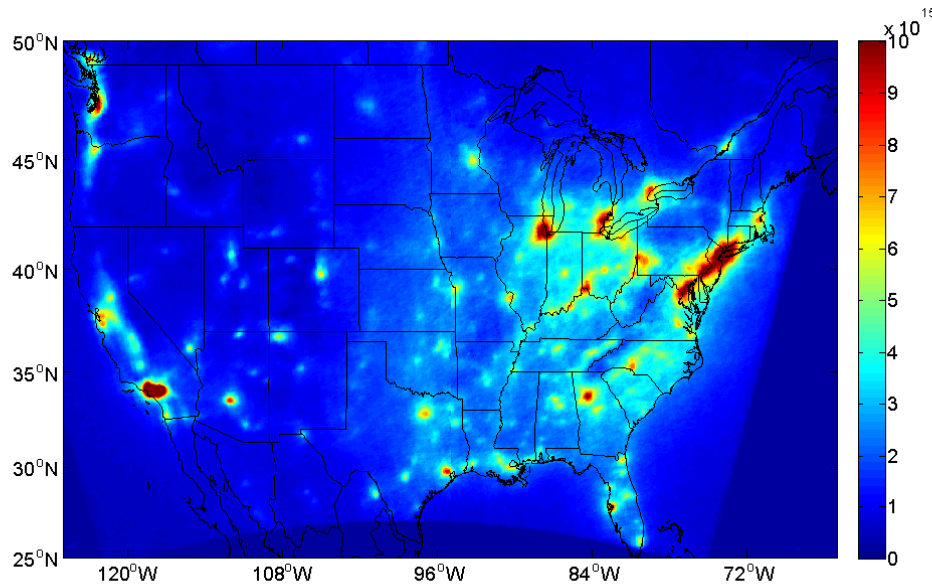




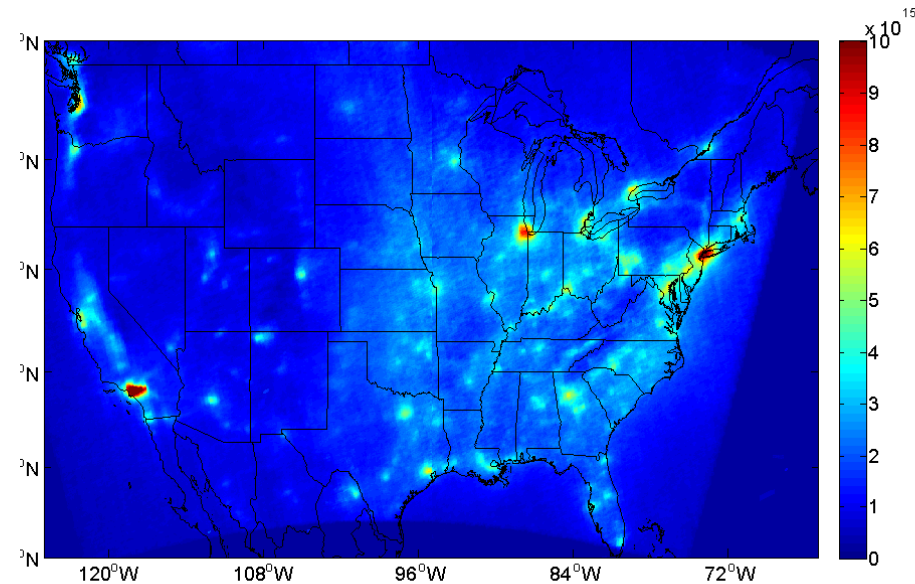
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Tropospheric Column NO<sub>2</sub> retrieved using the Berkeley algorithm  
Credit: Ron Cohen, UCB

Summer 2005



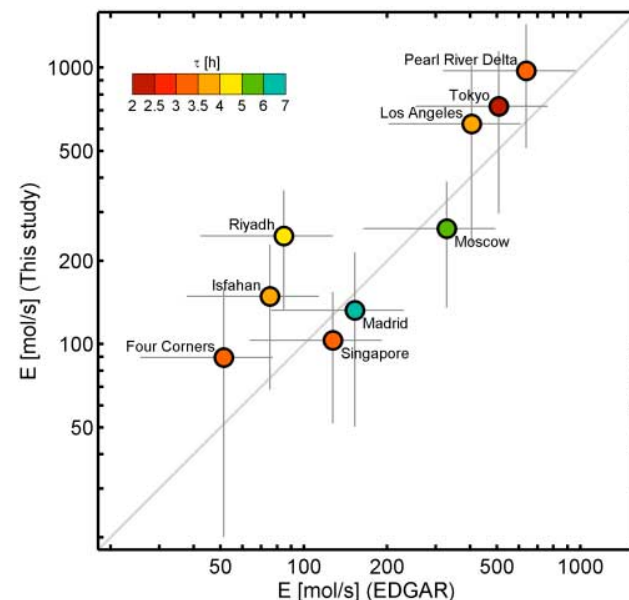
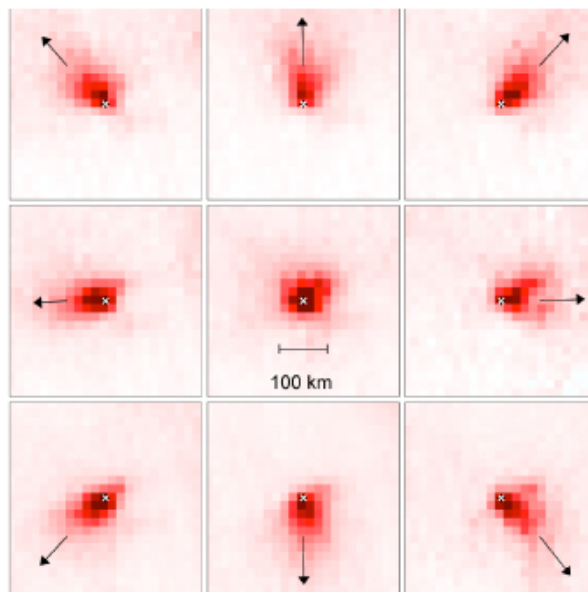
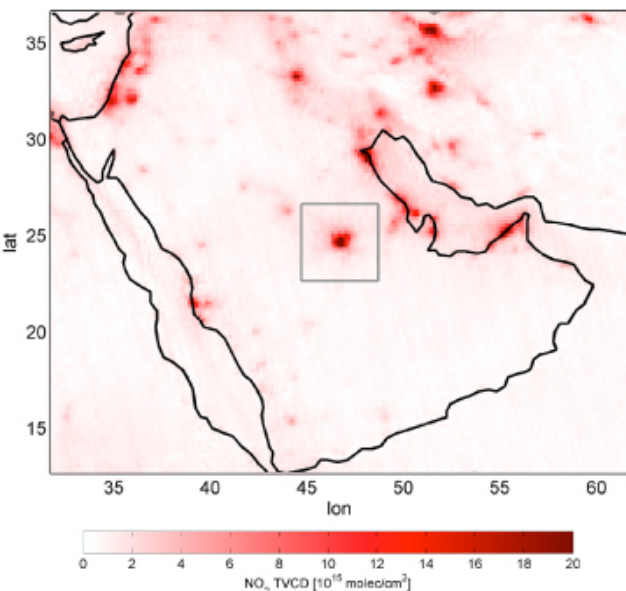
Summer 2011





# OMI DOMINO Product: Level 2 only

## Direct observations of megacity emissions and lifetimes of nitrogen oxides



Mean  $\text{NO}_2$  tropospheric columns in the Middle East from OMI measurements during 2005-2009 for calm ( $w < 2$  m/s) conditions.

Mean  $\text{NO}_2$  column densities around Riyadh for different wind conditions. Arrows indicate the mean of the respective ECMWF winds.


By analyzing the downwind patterns of  $\text{NO}_2$  for different wind conditions, megacity  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions and lifetimes from OMI can be determined.




# Access to OMI NO<sub>2</sub> Images and Data

# AVDC - Aura Validation Data Center

<http://avdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/index.php?site=705441739>

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Use OMNO2d L3 product

- 0.25 Gridded, cloud screened (Reflectivity < 0.3), images and data
- Data in HDF5, ASCII, KML formats
- Daily and Monthly data/images
- Total and Tropospheric data/images

# GIOVANNI – Visualization/Exploratory Tool

<http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/giovanni>

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### Giovanni-4 Now Available

New! Please try out [Giovanni-4](#), the next generation of [Giovanni](#), with dramatically improved performance and interactive plotting and mapping. (Currently, only select Aerosols, Hydrology and Turbulent Flux data are available in Giovanni-4, with more on the way.)

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- [Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite \(UARS\) Halogen Occultation Experiment \(HALOE\)](#)

## GIOVANNI NEWS

Giovanni Image Hall of Fame  
issue of The Giovanni News is  
online

Jan 10, 2014

Several members of the GES  
DISC attend ESIP Federation  
Winter Meeting 2014

Jan 07, 2014

December 2013 AGU special  
issue of The Giovanni News is  
online

Dec 19, 2013

GES DISC participates in AGU  
Fall Meeting 2013

Dec 06, 2013

October-November 2013 issue of  
The Giovanni News is online

Nov 22, 2013

MODIS observes progressive  
development of air pollution crisis  
in China

Oct 25, 2013

Staff from the GES DISC  
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Workshop

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Newest additions to Giovanni  
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Sep 30, 2013

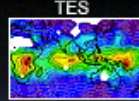
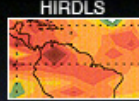
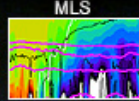
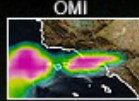
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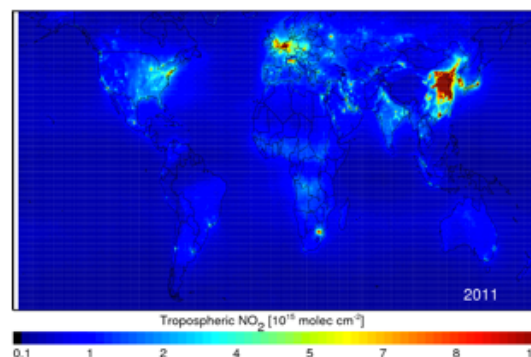
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Tropospheric Column Density of Nitrogen Dioxide, 2011





# TEMIS – Tropospheric Emission Monitoring Internet Service

<http://www.temis.nl/airpollution/no2.html>



## Tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> from satellites



### Tropospheric data products

These tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> columns are derived from satellite observations based on slant column NO<sub>2</sub> retrievals with the DOAS technique, and the KNMI combined modelling/retrieval/assimilation approach. The slant columns from GOME, SCIAMACHY and GOME-2 observations are derived by BIRA-IASB, the slant columns from OMI by KNMI/NASA

### Archive (images and data)

#### Air pollution monitoring

- NO<sub>2</sub>
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  - [central Europe](#)
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#### OMI:

*DOMINO version 2.0 (2004-today, de-striped until September 2013)*

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#### GOME-2 (METOP-A):

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#### SCIAMACHY:

*TM4NO2A version 2.3 (2002-2012):*

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*TM4NO2A version 2.3 (1996-2003):*

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**Tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub>**

# Regional Tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> columns from OMI

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NO<sub>2</sub> observation for:

Region:

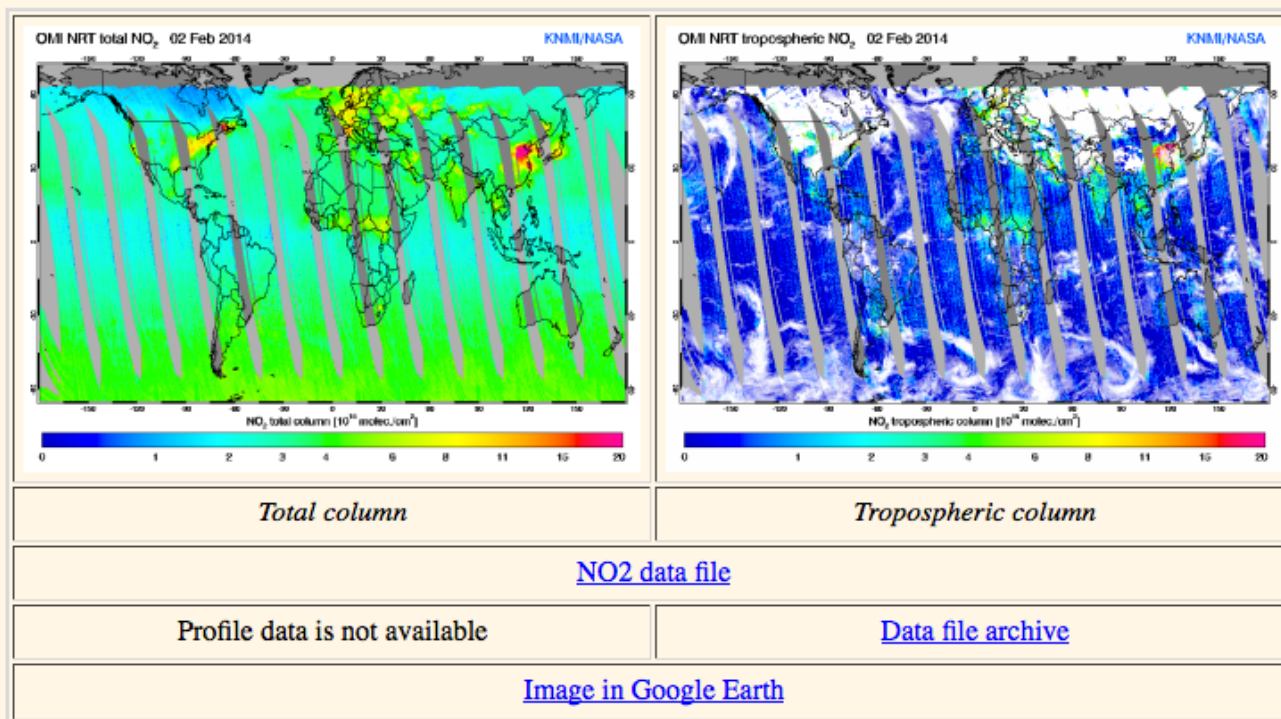
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## Regional NO<sub>2</sub> of 02 February 2014



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Note: There is no assignment for this webinar.  
i.e. NO HOMEWORK